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## SAD 44 proposal: Transfer AES to Town of Andover

By Amy Chapman

A committee appointed to study options for an agreement between SAD 44 and the town of Andover for the Andover Elementary School presented a draft proposal to the School Board Monday that would set up a lease arrangement for the school.

The draft proposal comes in the wake of the presentation of a petition to Andover selectmen to re-start the withdrawal process from SAD 44, which narrowly missed being approved earlier this month. Andover voters would need to approve re-starting the process.

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## Woodstock's Union Church: To fix or sell?

By Alison Aloisio

Woodstock voters will likely decide in March whether to repair or sell the old Union Church building in South Woodstock.

The 1856 structure, located on a one-acre parcel, is at the intersection of Route 26 and the Andrews Road.

Its granite-slab foundation has been shifting over the years and is unstable, Town Manager Vern Maxfield said. Fixing it would cost an estimated \$3,500 to \$4,500, he said.

Last week selectmen discussed options for the building.

Ron Deegan initially

proposed giving voters a choice between fixing it and razing it.

Maxfield thought razing would not be a good option. "I think we'd be opening up a nightmare if we say to destroy the building," he said, adding that he had thought selling would be the second option.

However, said Maxfield, "I hate to see anybody but the town own that building."

Selectman Rick Young speculated that perhaps a history-minded group might purchase it to preserve it.

"I just don't think we as

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## GFD hoses work, but new \$15,000 ones required

By Alison Aloisio

The Greenwood Fire Department hopes to get \$15,000 in grant money to replace fire hoses that Chief Al Curtis says are fully functional, but do not comply with national standards.

Curtis told selectmen last week that the National Fire Protection Association, which sets the standards, has stipulated that as of this year no hoses made before 1987 should be used.

"I have probably four piles about five feet high of hose," he said, from the late 1970s and 80s.

The hoses are between 1.5 and 2.5 inches in diameter, said Curtis, and had passed all tests needed for maximum water pressure.

"They tested out great last year (at 300 pounds per square inch)," he said. "We don't have money enough to replace all that hose. It's not about being adequate to fight a fire. It's to stay in compliance with the standards that they're pushing down our throats. NFPA, they've gone by what big cities can do. Now it's getting pushed down on us little guys."

Curtis added that many

fire departments in this area are in a similar situation, because they all bought hose in the same time period.

He said he plans to submit a grant application this spring to help pay to replace the hoses.

In order to qualify to apply for other firefighting grants to fund other department activities, Curtis said, a department needs to be NFPA-compliant.

He also said the GFD needs to replace upgrade its thermal imaging camera in the next three years with two hand-held ones, at a cost of about \$4,500 each.

New turnout gear for some firefighters is also needed, he said, because anything 10 years old or older is non-compliant. outfitting a single firefighter can cost more than \$5,000, he said.

Curtis recommended that selectmen consider establishing a firefighter equipment account, much like a current capital account that puts aside money for fire truck purchases.

"The grant money is going to dry up sooner or later. The federal government can't keep giving us money, they don't have the money," he said.

## 'The Four Chaplains' who went down with ship to be remembered

By Alison Aloisio

The story of the musicians of the H.M.S. *Titanic*, who continued to play music to calm evacuating passengers as the ship sank, is fairly well known.

Perhaps not as well known is the story of the "Four Chaplains" of the U.S.A.T. *Dorchester*, an American troop ship that sank on Feb. 2, 1943.

On Sunday morning, Feb. 2 at 9 a.m. at the Locke's Mills Union Church, the Jackson-Silver American Legion Post will honor the memory of those clergymen, who also played the role of calming frightened passengers.

The *Dorchester*, an Army transport ship, was carrying 902 servicemen, merchant marine and civilian workers to an American base in Greenland when it was hit by a torpedo from a German U-boat, according to the website of the

Four Chaplains Memorial Foundation. Although those aboard had been told to sleep in their life jackets, many did not because it was very warm below decks. The explosion from the torpedo killed and injured many men. As others boarded lifeboats, Chaplains Alex Goode (Jewish), George Fox (Methodist), John Washington (Catholic) and Clark Poling (Dutch Reformed) tended the injured and tried to guide

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# Letters

## HARDSHIP IF ANDOVER WITHDRAWS

### To the Editor:

It seems that Andover voters are on their way back to the poll again. SAD 44 withdrawal proponents call it the democratic process. Although the people of Andover have spoken, this special interest group is determined to exploit the legal process to get more people to the polls in order to realize their objective.

I respect the group for envisioning an independent Andover Elementary school and thank them for their research and hard work. I even voted for the study, embracing the concept of local control over Andover education. But once it was determined that the cost would be too prohibitive, it was time to surrender the dream. However proud it would make us feel to have an independent school, the price is just too dear.

I think the research group eventually discovered the very reason Maine towns formed these school districts in the first place: to pool resources and save money. Because they have invested so much time in the process and have become so committed to their vision, they may have become blind to the bigger picture.

If enough Andover taxpayers are seduced into voting themselves a 40 percent tax hike, I believe a greater majority (many more than those voting) will find themselves facing extreme hardship each coming year. They will be ultimately forced to make the difficult choice between food on their tables, oil in their fuel tanks, or roofs over their heads.

Four years ago the Andover mil rate was \$8.45; now it is \$14.50. If my math is right, another 40 percent increase would put the mil rate at \$20.30, one of the highest in the entire state. A house valued at \$100,000, with taxes of \$845 in 2010, will be paying \$2,030 if this is passed. And most likely this upward trend will continue as problems are encountered with the aged school and other unforeseen circumstances.

These passionate folks with good intentions need to take a deep breath, step back, look ahead, open their hearts to the bigger picture; redirect their enthusiasm toward a plan that is practical and viable. Not one so expensive it will deplete modest family resources and drive Andover natives out of their homes.

If everyone in Andover can afford a 40 percent increase in their taxes next year, that's great. But if you can't, you need to speak up. If we are forced to vote on this again, you must go to the polls and vote.

Brenda Stickney  
Andover

## WITHDRAWAL BEST FOR ANDOVER

### To the Editor:

As a citizen of Andover I wish to share my opinion on the Andover and MASD 44 debate. Currently I have no children in the school system. However, I know that the children are in fact the future. Like most of you reading this, I too was educated in public schools, and like to think that we received a very good education. Taxpayers did their part when we were but wee ones. It is now our duty and responsibility as taxpayers to provide the best framework for success for the children of today by keeping the Andover Elementary School open.

The issue has largely centered on money (taxes), as this is the case with most things, but we need to keep in mind the ones that will be most affected; the children. Think back to the days of your youth. What would you rather be doing? Sitting on a school bus or playing with your friends and family? This time could be better spent doing other things, such as family, scholastic, or community activities.

Andover residents would lose the facility for community activities such as sports and fitness, continuing education classes, and an emergency shelter. If the school closes, this valuable resource will be gone, and the town will be saddled with an empty building.

If we choose to stay with MSAD 44 the tax money will go to the district. This gives the superintendent the power to allocate these funds without a great deal of input or oversight. On the other hand, if we vote to get out of the district we will have a say as to the use of our tax dollars.

It was once told to me that when faced with a difficult decision choose what offers the most good! This is a difficult issue. I have done my best to read between the lines, sift through the rhetoric, and ignore the many rumors that are part and parcel of small town politics. It is with this I am confident that the best choice is to leave the district. It may not be the cheapest option but it surely is GOOD for the children, the community, and Andover's future.

On last thing; I think choice is a fundamental aspect of freedom. So whether you're for it or against, please exercise your rights and vote.

Carl S. Gisselman  
SPC, USA (Ret)

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## CANDIDATE FOR SCHOOL BOARD:

### To the Editor:

I would like to continue serving as Woodstock School Board Director for SAD 44; therefore, I am announcing my candidacy at the March 31 Woodstock town meeting. SAD 44 school district has recently made excellent progress in providing all students a quality education that will serve them in their working lives and as life long learners and engaged citizens. I would like to be engaged in implementing the following transformative educational initiatives in SAD 44.

I have been involved with the SAD 44 school board, administrators, and teachers to consider Mass Customized Learning as a foundational educational philosophy. It allows every student to learn at their own pace by providing learning opportunities that follow their own learning styles. Students have to meet clear standards, and they can learn the necessary skills and concepts using content that is relevant and interesting to them. Technology has transformed our society and it has the potential to transform our educational system from a 19th century industrial model to the current 21st century information age.

Teachers will always be a critical component in our educational system and mass customized learning allows them to focus more time on student mentoring and less time on lecturing.

Accountability at all levels is still central to a top performing school system. SAD 44 was fortunate to receive a multi-year TIF grant. This grant will support implementation of mass customized learning and improve our school system by:

1. Participation of teachers in National Board Certified Teaching.
2. Training for teachers to develop Student Learning Outcomes to increase student performance and achievement.
3. Development of a rigorous teacher and principal evaluation system with input from staff, students and parents.

I will have my nomination papers at the town office for people to sign. I need 25 signatures of Woodstock voters to be nominated for the position. All voters will decide at the town meeting.

I have worked diligently to balance my prime responsibility to our students to provide the best education possible with the challenge of the increasing financial burden to property taxpayers. I hope that Woodstock citizens will allow me to serve them and our students another term.

If anyone from Woodstock wishes to talk to me about specific issues in the school district please call me at 665-2577.

Marcel Polak  
Woodstock

## FIX ROADS, NOT STREET LIGHTS

### To the Editor:

Jim Doar said in the Jan. 16 Bethel Citizen, he and Robin Zinchuk drove around the area to look at streetlights. Perhaps they should have checked out road conditions instead of lights!

I spoke with Mr. Doar on Wednesday, Jan. 15, about East Bethel Road and Chandler Hill Road, how terrible they are from the ice storm of Jan. 11. I have lived on Chandler Hill for 34 years, and this is the worst it's been for about 25 years. I don't recall it being this bad during the ice storm of '98. Mr. Doar informed me that a lot of people don't want the town to use salt and it is expensive to buy. Like I told him, my tax bill is expensive too, but I have to pay it!

I have since driven on other Bethel streets and they all pretty much leave a lot to be desired! There are seven trucking outfits up here on Chandler Hill hauling logs and wood chips. They can't stop on a dime on ice for a school bus or anything else. Safety should be a top priority for every town and their roads. These washboard roads have to be as bad for town trucks as our personal vehicles! I can be in my living room and hear the plow truck banging its way along for about a half mile or more. Now tell me that's good for our highway trucks. If you think anything of your vehicle, you'll drive about 15 to 20 miles per hour.

We have a very good highway crew of dedicated men and Mr. Doar and town officials make it look bad for them and their road work by not giving them the proper mixes of dirt, salt and calcium that they need to work with.

Today I had company and they told me, "Congratulations." I said, "For what?" They said, "You have the worst road between Bethel and Colebrook, N.H." They had made the big loop up through Berlin across the 13 mile woods to Errol, onto Colebrook and back down 26 and only hit one pothole on Main Street in Colebrook!

Huh! They must believe in salt and calcium! Woodstock also believes, I guess, because their roads are not washboards either! Check it out!

Streetlights - I guess the tourists and skiers know there's a town beyond Parkway. The grocery store is so busy from 3 p.m. on Friday through Sunday, a lot of locals go out of town to shop and all of the restaurants are slammed every weekend!

You want the tourists' money, well, give them decent roads to travel. Safety should come first, along with security for our schools. You want more streetlights, you pay for them, not the taxpayers no one pays for my streetlight!

Grace C. Gilson  
Bethel

## Celladore

### 'Of Mopping Up and Manhattan'

"Come down, come down, come down to Bonnie Done," sang B.B. at the foot of the stairs. Nine a.m. Usually I was up, had finished breakfast, and was ready to start the day. Now two hours later I felt as if I were dragging an elephant up from bed rather than me, but I made it, came down and heated some beef stew.

"But maybe that is not a good idea," some words came through me. "What's not a good idea?" I snapped myself erect. B.B. gave me a searching look. "I don't believe you've heard a thing I've been saying. I thought that we might do the cellar today and that would be an end of the really filthy cleaning...but why don't you take a day off and rest; go for a little spin on Duchess. You haven't had a ride this year yet."

A fine idea. Duchess grumbled at being saddled; she had too long a vacation, but off we went. I must look to see if the yellow violets are out on the north trail and if there is any saxifrage on the ledges. Suddenly I realized that I was not going up the Farwell Mountain road but instead was on a trail towards home. Duchess always made a pretext of coming back at each turn. Today she had taken two turns and I had not even noticed it. So back we came, Duchess to the pasture and I to the porch for a brief sunbath. I awoke and fixed lunch, then to read an hour and then to work. I awoke; it was time to fix dinner, afterwards I started to read the paper, asleep again. Daytime was for living, not sleeping. No longer had I Louis to push me on; I must push myself until this house was habitable again. I set the alarm clock this night and by the time B.B. was home, had breakfast, fed the beasts, and had cleaned our Allen print ready to be hung again in the study.

I went to the cellar, flung open the bulkhead door, and took the last baskets of debris outside to go to the dump. B. B. rigged his generator and vacuumed all over while I carried the wine and pickle crocks topside, scoured them and left them on the porch to air in the sunshine. We took old brooms, pails and pails of hot soapsuds and scrubbed the walls and floor, the thousand-gallon pressure water tank, the wooden shelves used to store squash for winter use. I came downstairs with a shiny lard pail and set it by the chimney.

"What is that?" said B.B. "The rock salt to throw in the furnace in case the chimney ever gets on fire." B.B. laughed, then did I. It was a futile thing to do. "We'll leave it here," I decided; after all we hadn't had a chimney fire.

I scrubbed down the cellar stairs, then scrubbed myself and got into a different pair of slacks and a new jersey. This was to be a rite, a turning point in life, burning in the furnace the old tugs I had worn continually the past weeks. With glee I tossed them inside, shut the door, stood back to chant and saw the red preserve closet doors. I threw them open; of course inside was a sifting of plaster dust; the old enemy. The thoughts of taking out all the jars of wine, pickles, green beans, tomatoes, jelly, jam, cleaning them and replacing seemed just too much. I would be a sloppy housekeeper and clean them as I used them. Resolutely I shut the doors, ran upstairs, stopped on the top step for breath and saw another demon. We did not have a real Yankee cellar with sandbins for winter vegetables, crocks of salt pork, barrels of cider to make vinegar but we did have a cellarway.

There were five open shelves, each one wider as you went down the stairs. Everyone was full, my uniform burned too soon. I must at it. Out came all the things and onto the kitchen floor...the corn popper, the fourteen-inch black spider used for outdoor picnics, big black baker sheets for roasting twenty-five pound turkeys, the French stewpot (my choicest cooking utensil), the tin candlebox, big kettles for jam making, the bottle of cod liver oil (one teaspoon a day from no sunshine in fall until one can split wood with the shirt off in April keeps away all viruses), flashlights, thermos bottles, a scale. One item that I take out each year, ponder throwing away, then put back is a long, slim box of Paragon Wax Tapers guaranteed not to stick together in any climate, not to drip though burned upside down. They were manufactured by Thos. W. Hutchins Co. of 48 Warren Street, New York established in 1851. I always plan to check someday if there still is a Warren Street and if Thos. H. has descendants still running a ship with Yankee notions. Of course, I never do. Nor did I throw out the tapers this time either. I look with a smile at my personal smoke-stained chart with the list of unfinished projects. That I crumple and wryly toss in the stove.

## Our

## Back Pages

By Danna Brown Nickerson

**10 years ago:** A team of nine pupils from Andover Elementary School were preparing to take part in the Maine FIRST Lego League Tournament in Orono.

Simon Dumont took first place in the Ski SuperPipe finals in the Winter XGames in Aspen, Colo.

Deaths: John P. Higgins, Sr., Alice M. Copithorne, Brenda DeSatnick, Walter Fillebrown, Jr.

**20 years ago:** Colin Reuter was the winner of the annual Telstar Middle School Geography Bee.

The second annual January "Nightout" potluck supper and entertainment sponsored by the Newry Recreation Committee took place at the Grange Hall.

Births: Adam Bryant

Mason, Gabriel Joseph Aguilar.

Deaths: Myrtle E. Downing, Gordon A. Doughty,

Florence E. Greenleaf,

Anthony L. Pugliese.

**30 years ago:** The Locke's Mills Food Center was destroyed in an early morning fire.

Small Hydro East, a Newry based business, was operating new micro hydroelectric site on Wight Brook in Newry.

Births: Ryan Andrews Wheeler, Michelle Ann Deegan.

**40 years ago:** Ellen Clark was named Telstar Regional High School's 1973-74 Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow.

Fpc. Victor A. Young returned to Fort Bliss, Texas, after a two-week leave.

Deaths: Mrs. Louise B. Haselton, Miss Dorothy B. DeShon.

**50 years ago:** Mr. and Mrs. Charles Heywood left for New York City on the first leg of a trip around the world.

Miss Kathleen Caddigan, Rinehart Handwriting Supervisor in the Bethel schools, was a supper guest at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Young.

Deaths: Mrs. Dorothy McMahon.

**60 years ago:** An overheated woodstove was the cause of a fire department call to the home of Mrs. Florence Machia, Vernon Street.

Rumford citizens voted overwhelmingly to build the long-awaited bridge across the Androscoggin between Rumford Point and Rumford Corner.

Births: Peter Alpo Kuvala, David Leonas Holt. Deaths: Edwin J. Mann, Mrs. Hazel Mae Rancourt, John J. McMillin, Sewell M. Rowe.

**70 years ago:** Guy A. Theilin, missionary to China spoke at the Congregational Church.

Deaths: Albion W. Herick, John F. Lord.

**80 years ago:** Floors were being laid and finish put up in the new Academy building. Painters were working in some rooms.

Gordon Lathrop was candidate of the office of third selectman.

Ernest Bisbee bought the interest of L.W. Ramsell in the coal business of Ramsell and Bisbee.

Deaths: Mrs. Nora Marsden, A. C. Wight.

**90 years ago:** Moses Davis was driving a Ford "snow-boat" on the stage line between Bethel and Upton. The car accommodated five besides the driver.

F. J. Tyler sold eight cows to go to the estate of Jesse Isadore Strauss in Kisco, N.Y.

Deaths: Mrs. Rubena Sweet Dubey, Dr. Eli Wight, Mrs. Julia Mumler.

# Gehring Green project gears up

By Terry Karkos/Sun Media Wire

It took five years, but Gehring Green developer Paul Boghossian said he finally has funding for his previously approved 15-unit subdivision project.

The initial project, which was approved by the Planning Board on Oct. 21, 2009, was to convert the interior of his 1896 Gehring House at 77 Broad St. into six luxury apartments.

Additionally, he wanted to build four duplex condominium units on the property, along with a carriage house with a first-floor garage and one condominium unit on the second floor, according to the Planning Board minutes of Nov. 26, 2011.

"We're gearing up to break ground this spring," Boghossian said Friday afternoon at his Kennebec Land Co. business in Waterville. "Finally, the financing is coming around and I've got two banks lined up."

He said the lengthy hiatus was caused by a bank that stopped lending him money. He said if he'd had enough money in his checkbook, he would have started the project himself.

"It's a great project," Boghossian said. "I love Bethel. My son was a student at Gould Academy and he introduced me to Bethel."

When he presented the initial project, he owned 2½ acres at the site. But during the past three years, he's add-

ed 7½ acres to the project for a total of 10.

"Now, once the first phase gets done, we'll be back before the town for the next phase," he said.

Boghossian came before the Planning Board in November 2011, asking for an extension on his 2009 site plan review and subdivision approvals which expired on Oct. 21, 2011. He told the board that the economic downturn affected the progress of the project, according to the minutes.

Because Boghossian had yet to begin construction on the Gehring House Apartments and Condominiums project, the Planning Board approved a one-year extension from Oct. 27, 2011, to Oct. 26, 2012.

When that expired, Boghossian returned Nov. 14, 2012, to amend his initial plan and to seek another extension.

Bethel's Site Plan Review Extension of Approval states that approval shall expire if the work or change has not commenced within two years of the approval date. Asked at the November 2012 meeting, Boghossian said he hadn't yet begun work on the project.

After further review, the Planning Board approved a one-year extension, this one from Nov. 15, 2012, to Nov. 14, 2013, according to the minutes.

The board approved Boghossian's Letter of Credit from Camden National Bank

into record. The Site Plan Review Amendment to the project included three changes:

\* Decreasing the footprint of the condo buildings by 160 square feet per unit.

\* Moving the entry road slightly north to retain and enter the property through a mature growth of trees.

\* Moving the condos slightly to the east and west to create a more open commons area.

There were also minor changes proposed to the front, side and rear elevations of the buildings, but the original Storm Water Management Plan wasn't altered, according to the meeting minutes. The board approved the amended subdivision.

However, the extension deadline of Nov. 14, 2013, came and went without word from Boghossian. Planning Board assistant Sarah Tucker said Friday afternoon.

She said Boghossian still can return and ask for an extension. But at this point, he has to go through the process again to get Planning Board approval for the project that he has yet to build, she said.

Boghossian said Friday that he wasn't aware that the deadline was Nov. 14, 2013. He said he thought that he was approved for a two-year extension.

He also said the Gehring Green website at [www.gehringgreen.com](http://www.gehringgreen.com), which states that construction has begun on some of the buildings, won't actually be correct until January 2015.

According to the website and the Bethel Historical Society, the Gehring House, a mix of Queen Anne and Colonial Revival styles, was built in 1896 and served as a private home and clinic for Dr. John George Gehring (1857-1932) and his wife, Marian True Gehring.

Boghossian is a director with GrowSmart Maine, which promotes sustainable prosperity for all Mainers by integrating working and natural landscape conservation, economic growth and community revitalization, according to its website.

It states that Boghossian has been involved with numerous rehabilitation projects involving the creative reuse of older buildings in Rhode Island and Maine.

His most notable project is the Hathaway Creative Center in Waterville, a 450,000-square-foot mixed-use and loft-space development that has won numerous awards, according to the GrowSmart Maine website.

Randy Bennett, executive director of the Bethel Historical Society, said Thursday he had heard that Boghossian had acquired funding for the project, but Bennett wasn't aware of any upcoming construction.

"There's nothing happening with the project that I've heard," he said. "We're about to publish an article on Dr. Gehring's Clinic, so we're very interested in something good happening there."

## Suspect in Greenwood camp burglaries arrested

By Peter McGuire/Sun Media Wire

dictments will be pursued against Curtis and Brooks at a grand jury, according to Lt. Detective Tom Harriman.

Curtis was arrested on a separate warrant Dec. 18 after allegedly taking full cans of gasoline from the basement of a Patch Mountain Road home while the homeowner was inside, according to an arrest affidavit from Harriman. Deputy Andrew Whitney, who responded to the scene, also questioned Brooks and Wootton, who were with Curtis at the time.

In his affidavit, Harriman said he and Whitney later returned to the scene and followed footprints in the snow to find several camps that had been forcibly broken into, which caused extensive damage.

Through subsequent interviews with Brooks and Curtis, investigators determined that the group broke into several camps and remained in one residence to drink alcohol for several hours. Both said another man was with them at the time and Brooks later identified Herson from a photo provided by investigators, according to the affidavit.

A number of items reported stolen by property owners, including two snowmobiles, were found in the area of the break-ins. Other items were recovered in a later search of Wootton's Greenwood residence, according to the affidavit.

## Carter

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He and Anne were married, they settled in Oxford, and they had three daughters (Sarah, Jessica, and Emily). Just after their third daughter was born, David and Anne converted the farm stand at their Oxford farm into a ski shop. They started the Oxford Hills Nordic Ski Club in 1981 with the community helping them build trails at their farm. David convinced many friends and the community that cross-country skiing was the way to a healthy life and happiness.

By 1984, they opened the Oxford ski trails to the public. The following year they began an after-school ski program for elementary school students in SAD17 and continued this until 2005.

"I did this because it was my dream," said David. "I wanted to get as many people on skis as I could."

Given that close to 100 children per year participated in the program each year, that makes for quite a few little feet on skis.

The Bethel cross-country ski center was another dream. Back when David was still a teenager at Gould, he bought 100 acres along the Intervale Road from Central Maine Power. This was several miles north of the current ski center. He split the land with his brother Tim, keeping 35 acres for himself. Those acres would eventually become the start of his cross-country center in Bethel.

In the late 1980s, David put up a small cabin on the land, cut some trails, and opened the Grafton Notch Camp. And the evolution of that cabin in, in itself, be justification for Ski Hall of Fame induction.

The cabin originally functioned as a small carriage house at the Carter farm. Sitting unused, David saw it as a perfect tiny ski hut. At 4 a.m. one day, David, his brothers Tim and Tom, their father Dick, and some neighbors began to haul the building up the Intervale Road. They had felled trees, made a sled for the structure, hitched it to a tractor

and then used it and several trucks to move the building the mile-and-a-half down the road. Why 4 a.m.? Because there was no traffic.

A few years after this, David bought the 35 acres where the present cross-country center is located, opened it in 1992 and expanded the lodge three years ago.

David has skied with great abandon even while running the ski centers and participated in numerous local races such as the annual Langlauf race and Pole Paddle and Paw at what was Sunday River Cross-country Center (now The Outdoor Center).

Facing his mortality, David and Anne are living at their Bethel lodge and, on days he feels up to it, he puts on his skis and heads out on the trails to celebrate his dream come true. This past weekend he watched one of his granddaughters, India May Lucas, ski in the SASSI cross-country ski race at Black Mountain. Another generation he has influenced.

All of this culminated in his recent naming to the Maine Ski Hall of Fame.

The Maine Ski Hall of Fame was established in 2003 to honor persons who have substantially advanced the sport of skiing and the ski industry, with special reference to the State of Maine. The Hall of Fame is a semi-autonomous division of the Ski Museum of Maine, a non-profit organization which is based in Farmington.

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## AES

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while the district would pay regular upkeep and maintenance costs.

Under the proposed terms of the agreement, SAD 44 would commit a set amount to the base cost of operating the school, and Andover would pay the excess. The district's commitment would be determined by multiplying the number of students enrolled in AES as of Oct. 1 of the previous school year by the state-approved maximum allowable elementary per-pupil cost of the same date.

Committee member Marcel Polak of Woodstock cautioned that the proposal is only a draft. He said that at this point the Andover representatives to the committee (Selectman Keith Farrington, former Andover Withdrawal Committee member Paula Lee, and member-at-large Marshall Meisner) are not legally authorized to enter into negotiations with the district on behalf of the town.

However, Polak praised the committee for working quickly and well together to draft the proposal.

"Essentially, what we did is we presented a compromise. This alternative to Andover withdrawal essentially satisfies four major things that are important to Andover."

The town would gain control of the school facility and capital costs, as well as predictability about keeping it open for a set term, two issues that were identified as

key to Andover residents, both through the recent withdrawal effort and at the prior board meeting.

In addition, because the town would remain a part of the school district, there would be continued representation on the board for Andover students at all grade levels.

Finally, Polak said, the committee believes the proposed agreement would cost Andover residents substantially less than the \$1.2 million price tag for withdrawal. A comparison in the proposal estimates that "the cost of this option would be approximately 50 percent of the projected budget if the town decided to withdraw."

If both the withdrawal process and the alternative plan are to be voted on at Andover's annual Town Meeting in March, the district's attorney has suggested the inclusion of language making it clear to voters that if they vote for re-starting the withdrawal effort, the alternative proposal will no longer be an option. This would avoid a scenario in which Andover residents could potentially approve both questions, leaving the district in limbo with regard to creating a budget for 2014-15.

Andover director Esau Cooper voiced concern that confusion might result from competing referendum questions. "What I'm hearing from the people in town is that they were just a few voters shy of withdrawing from

SAD 44. I think what this proposal is going to do is further divide the town and create more chaos. I recommend that the board let them withdraw so we can get it behind us."

But several other board members pointed out that at their last meeting, Andover directors had said residents wanted more local control over AES and an agreement to keep it open on a more than year-by-year basis, and the draft proposal meets those objectives.

Deb Webster of Newry said it made sense from a district perspective, but added that she understood that Andover residents might find it "very overwhelming."

"I'm in favor of going ahead with negotiations on this agreement as fast as we can," said Bethel Director Tim Carter. "The idea is to try to come up with some kind of compromise so we can keep that school open, without Andover withdrawing and spending over a million dollars and having a 42 percent tax increase, which would be very detrimental to the town of Andover."

Andover Selectboard Chair Susan Merrow said Wednesday her board would likely formally appoint Farrington, Meisner and Lee to negotiate the agreement. She also said the vote on whether to re-start the withdrawal process would take place as a referendum on March 18, the Tuesday after the annual Town Meeting.

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Dumas cited input from concerned residents who have not supported withdrawal as a major factor in the group's decision to shift focus, the release said. "We have heard from a lot of people who did not support withdrawal on Jan. 7, and they have told us that they are worried about costs."

Dumas said that the Andover Withdrawal Committee, tasked with negotiating withdrawal from SAD 44 during the first attempt, expected that costs for a New Andover Municipal School Unit could approach or exceed \$1.2 million.

"We are taxpayers too, and we understand the concerns around cost. We are in contact with neighboring districts that might be able to provide some ser-

vice for a contracted fee, and this could help us realize considerable savings."

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Dumas also noted some other realizations that led the group to their conclusions. "In the process of re-examining our budget, we are realizing that while there are some significant increases in the first few years of operation, the only plan out there that saves Andover's residents money in the long run—over the next five or six years—is to leave SAD 44 and go on our own. All the other plans lead to long-term and continuous cost increases for Andover. We will be able to show Andover residents in the next few weeks that going on our own is the best option in terms of costs, in terms of control over hiring and programming, and in terms of avoiding future debt service commitments that Andover cannot control or afford."

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**Bethel**

By NANCY BROWN

The unpredictable weather, including the ice and bitter cold temperatures, has made it hard for some of us to enjoy our favorite winter activities such as cross-country skiing and snowshoeing. If you want to keep active, there is an indoor winter walking program at Telstar Regional High School on weekdays from 6:15 to 7:15 a.m. and from 2:30 to 7:00 p.m. For information call 824-2136.

Anyone who has questions about cholesterol can find answers at the next To Your Health program being held Thursday, Feb. 6, from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the West Parish Congregational Church. Dr. Daniel van Buren will present a program on "Fat Facts about Your Cholesterol and What You Can Do about It." Dr. van Buren is a cardiologist at the New England Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital in Berlin, N.H. This is the third year that he has presented a program here during American Health Month. The program is open to the public. Light refreshments will be served. There is a snow date scheduled for Thursday, Feb. 13. If there is bad weather, watch for postponement announcements on local TV channels. The program is sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College, which offers programs on how to improve your health throughout the year. For more information, call R. Tiffet at 824-2053.

The United Methodist Church is holding its Annual Valentine's Day Tea on Friday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3 p.m. The church is located at 79 Main Street in Bethel.

A few weeks ago I wrote about protecting our pets during the winter. I forgot to mention one big danger: coyotes. I was reminded of this on Saturday morning when I saw a large coyote loping along Route 26 near my house. Like other wild animals, coyotes are out looking for food. In the win-

ter, they can easily cross the streams, ponds, and bogs on the ice, appearing in some areas where we don't usually see them. Keep your small animals inside, and when you're walking your dogs, watch out for these predators.

If you have news to share, please e-mail me at brown-nancy1950@gmail.com, or call me at 824-2483.

**East Bethel**

By CHERRI CROCKETT

Hello neighbors, I do hope you're all either doing a dance for a little less wind, a few degrees warmer or more snow, as this winter is really taking its toll on the wood piles and oil tanks. I can honestly say that I've never seen a winter this cold for so long. Don't get me wrong, I love winter, but this is just too hard on too many people.

I wanted to remind all of you dog owners to get to the town office and register your four-legged friend before you have to pay a hefty late fee. I finally remembered this week.

If you will, please join me in thanking Jarrod Crockett for all his years representing us in Augusta. It will be very strange to not have him as our voice, but it will be so much nicer to know that he is making memories with his young family and that he's here in town if we ever need to call on him. Jarrod and Paige, enjoy those little ones.

Over this past week, if the colder weather has done anything, it's been able to drive me inside a little more and as a result, I've finished two more books.

The first one was "In Beauty May She Walk," about a 60-year-old woman who decided she was going to flip-flop hike the Appalachian Trail back in 2001-2002. I loved the way she broke the trail down into daily sections. She was very informative about the terrain, what she saw along the way and her thoughts and feelings.

It's always neat to see how someone else, especially from away, describes the

mountains that I know and love so well. It makes me wonder if they climbed the same mountains I did.

If you're looking for a book to get you outside on a summer hike with amazing vistas while it's below zero outside, this is a good one to curl up with.

The other book was "The Shack." Now, that book required a little more thought and attention paid to it. There was no daydreaming with that one.

William P. Young takes on spirituality like I've never read before. Have you ever spent time with God and come away with a clearer view of what His plan is for humanity? It's a must read.

I pray that you are all able to open your hearts and your minds over this next week to the possibilities of the unknown. Learn to love more deeply, more openly, but most of all, to forgive and allow that weight to be lifted from your shoulders.

Alder River Grange met on Jan. 10 at Stan Howe's Home.

The members voted on the Demits presented by Vicki Ann and Arnold Clark. The vote was for approval for membership in Alder River Grange.

A card was signed for Bert Bryant who had hurt his thumb with a skill saw.

Members discussed getting a "comfort station" for the East Bethel Church. There will be more discussion about this later in the year.

The next meeting will be on Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, at Stan Howe's home on Broad Street with a 6 p.m. potluck supper and the meeting at 7 p.m.

If you would like to share any thoughts, family news or otherwise with me, please e-mail me at brindelabs@gmail.com or call me at 357-3469. Blessings to you.

**Locke's Mills**

By BETSEY FOSTER

Greenwood has received some money back from KBS Homes from the construction of the new town office. Since the original bill included a full foundation for the building and we decided against a foundation, we

have been credited/refunded about \$4,000.

The Greenwood Fire Department will be purchasing forest fire fighting equipment under a State matching program. The State will pay for half the cost of equipment up to a maximum of \$2,000.

Budget meetings will be starting late February. One of the items to be discussed will be repair of the highly-traveled Greenwood Road. As you likely expect, I'll be telling you more about this when discussions commence.

The Maine Superior Court ordered clean-up of the Grover property on Rowe Hill Rd. last fall has moved into the next stage. Greenwood Town Manager Kim Sparks said she and Code Enforcement Officer Joelle Corey-Whitman recently submitted evidence of the progress/lack of progress made at this site. The judge determined that inadequate progress had been made. In light of this, the Town is authorized to take over the clean-up and bill the Grovers for the cost. The Town's attorney recently sent a bill to the Grover's for the legal fees (approximately \$7,500), a \$10,000 fine, and the potential cost of a contractor to clean up the site. If the bills are not paid, a lien will be placed on the property. The site will be reviewed again in the spring. If adequate further clean-up progress has been made by the Grover's, a contractor may not be needed.

Dave Carter, a Bethel "boy," has been named to the Maine Ski Hall of Fame (see article elsewhere in paper). Very well deserved. Dave was in my class in school and then we reconnected as adults over cross-country skiing. It was about five years ago he dragged me out of the woods when I broke my leg skiing. There

was an entourage of about half-a-dozen dogs accompanying me and I back to the lodge. One dog was mine, a few were Dave's, and a couple showed up to join the fun.

Amy Chapman is the first of the Greenwood folks to notice that the goldfinches are getting a bit more yellow to their feathers. Yes,

another sign that we are moving out of the dead of winter. Here's hoping the bitter cold and winds of January will be a thing of the past. Onward to the snows of February.

Please send news to 3tachi6@gmail.com.

**Bryant Pond**

By ALICE HOYT

Services at the Baptist Church are Sunday School at 9:15, Morning Worship at 10:30, Evening Service at 6 p.m. Wednesday evening at 6:30 is Mid-Week Service.

Franklin Grange 124 will meet on Saturday, Feb. 1, for a regular meeting at the home of Alice and Ken Hoyt at 10 a.m., followed by a potluck dinner.

Feb. 6, at 11:30 a.m., the Woodstock-Greenwood Senior Citizens will meet at Ledgeview Living Center, West Paris, for a meeting, dinner put on by Ledgeview and a program, which will be a Sing-Along. New members always welcome. Dues due at this meeting.

Saturday, Feb. 8, the Woodstock Historical Society will meet at the Town Conference Room at 6 p.m. After the meeting, the program will be on Ezra Stetphen's, "Main's Barnum," a real character. The public is welcome to attend.

Monday, Feb. 10, Judith Grover Tent 17 will meet at the home of Alice Hoyt for a regular meeting at 7 p.m. Valentines will be done at this meeting for the Veterans' Home.

**Albany**

By KATHY BENNETT

Greetings from wind-swept Albany! I wanted to say greetings from the North Pole.

Winter usually doesn't bother me but this cold has nearly got the best of me as well as many others. I only venture out to go to work, get groceries and sometimes I make it to East Bethel if I need to bring Bella home from school. I did see a couple snowmobilers go by this morning. Brave souls! Doug and I ventured out on Saturday to Marden's and out to lunch.

Congratulations to Miss Miranda Colby and my great nephew Devin Cole for making the Honor Roll

at TMS. Hard work and dedication pays off.

Thanks to the road crews for doing a great job keeping our roads in passable condition this winter. It has been rough with the rain and all.

Franklin and Margaret

Barton had breakfast at Imam's Dairy Bar on Friday morning. Margaret stopped by Melby's after church for lunch.

**Andover**

By JANE C. RICH

Long time Town Hall Custodian, Peggy Madigan, is retiring from the position.

Part of her duties includes winding the Town Hall clock, which we all love to hear ring on the hour. Lots of us wake up in the middle of the night and wait for the clock to chime so we know what time it is rather than turn on the light and look at the timepiece on our nightstand. Peg told me she has held the position for 17 years and worked under 10 different Boards of Selectmen. Here are some facts to ponder about the winding of the clock. Over the years she has climbed 122,094 steps and wound the key of the clock 159,120 times. Peg turned the steps into miles and came up with about 23 miles up hill which she thinks ought to have made her very thin; however, she says that's not the case.

The Snow Valley Sno-Goers will have a busy February which will begin with a club meeting to take place on Feb. 5 at 7 p.m. at the clubhouse. On Feb. 8, they will sponsor a potluck supper, also at the clubhouse at 6 p.m. The supper is open to everyone; just bring a dish to share. Please note: the First Annual Windtower Ride will leave the clubhouse on Feb. 16 at 9 a.m. Upon returning to the clubhouse a hot lunch will be served to all participants. Cost for the ride and lunch is \$10 per person, \$8 for club members.

Ice fishing enthusiasts should note that the Mexico Lyons Club is sponsoring the annual Larry Mercier Ice Fishing Derby on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 7 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Roxbury Pond, also known as Ellis Pond and Silver Lake.

A top prize of \$2,000 goes to the person who catches the tagged fish already swimming around there. I can't

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remember anyone catching it for a long time, so I pose this question - what happens if a previously tagged fish shows up along with the new one? Other cash prizes will be awarded in various categories. See notices in the local stores.

Since last week another person has taken out papers for the Selectman position, Jim Adler who owns and operates James Adler Pantry. It should be a very interesting contest with three community minded people vying for the position. I did speak with candidate Sharon Hutchins this past week who said she had no agenda, but would address issues as they presented themselves to her if she were elected.

The People in Action Committee who have sponsored free lunches over the past couple of years have decided to re-start the program in March. A date has not yet been selected for the first free lunch of 2014. The committee members themselves provide the food and do the preparation for this community event. Last fall the committee picked February for a starting date, but our avalanche of cold and snow has raised the thought that they might prepare for a date in February and be snowed out or frozen out which would lead to a lot of wasted food and energy.

## Gilead

By LIN CHAPMAN



Not much to write about this week. I guess everyone is too cold to go out and do much of anything.

My brother, Steve McLain, and the rest of the crew have been busy at the SAD 44 Maintenance Garage keeping the buses running in this cold weather.

Belated Happy Birthday wishes go out to my nephews: Stephen McLain, III (Jan. 27), and Joe McLain (Jan. 30). They are the sons of Stephen and Lise McLain of Gilead. Also, wishes go out to Carole Mason (Jan. 30) and to Ben Chapman (Jan. 29). Carole is the wife of Brad McLain and Ben is our grandson.

Our granddaughter, Sidney Chapman, had a great weekend at her hockey game at the arena in Berlin, N.H. When I logged into Facebook, I was very surprised to see a picture of

Sid with a big smile on her face. She was holding the hockey puck from the shot that she made at the game to make the winning goal.

## Town Office

If you are reading this and did not make it into the Town Office last Tuesday night to license your dog, you should be aware that there will be a late fee of \$25 on top of the fee of the license.

Got any news? Call 836-2987 or e-mail chapmal@hotmail.com.

## Waterford

By ROCKIE GRAHAM



January ends and we approach mid-winter, also known as Imbolc Day, Groundhog Day, the First Cross Quarter Day and Candlemas day. To me the important thing is that it means winter is half over. Given the cold and ice we have experienced this winter, I say hurray for that. I know that the snow is good for the ski areas and means we won't have a shortage of water this spring/summer, but I could do without the ICE. My trusty Rav4 navigated it just fine, but me, I have been staying close to home. The good thing is that it has given me more time to write.

Gertrude has sneaked out a few times when the sun is shining and the temperature is above 30. Lefty, however, is not interested. She just squawks and asks us to shut the door. She'll come out again when spring is in the air. For now they just eat and ask for more water. They are really cute.

Not too much happening this weekend that I see, but Sunday Feb. 2, the Alan Day Community Garden will hold a garden meeting and bulk seed order at Fare Share Commons from 1 to 3 p.m. Refreshments will be served. Come and see what great seeds are available.

Monday, Feb. 3, the knitting group meets at the Waterford Library from 2 to 4 p.m. All are welcome. Time to finish all those knitting projects. FMI please call 583-2050.

Please get out and enjoy these mid-winter days. We only have up to go from here and before we know it, spring will be upon us.

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## Upton

By JOE BERNIER



The Ladies of the Upton Ladies Aid Association asked me to extend a thank you to Jon Martin for sanding the Ladies Aid and Church driveways during the most recent ice storm. He declined to take any money so the Ladies would like to entice him and Danielle for a free Sunday breakfast. The Ladies and other residents also thank the town road agent for the wonderful job he has done keeping the town roads sanded during all three ice storms.

The State Line Snowmobile club will meet Saturday, Feb. 1, 9 a.m. at the Upton House. They have an ice fishing tournament scheduled for Sunday, Feb. 23, on Umbagog Lake. Their ride-in/cookout at the "Sugar Shack" will be Saturday, March 1. Bob P. reports that Upton trails are in good shape.

Some of the Letter B Notch Rider Club officers are starting to shake off their hibernation. They have been emailing back and forth and have tentatively decided to have the first 2014 meeting in March. The club has lots to discuss and plans to be made.

The Upton Selectmen will meet Tuesday, Feb. 11.

The Upton Planning Board will meet Friday, Feb. 28.

My sister, Kathy, believes in the Maine axiom "when Groundhog Day arrives you should have burned no more than half of your firewood." Penny and I are very close to crossing that line here in South Upton. Lots of extreme cold and very little snow so far this winter. My snow dances have been a total failure.

Please call 533-2010 or e-mail backstjoe@gmail.com with your news.

## South Woodstock

By LOLALEE DILLINGHAM

Good morning to y'all. It's a sunny day with blue skies, but only -3 degrees here this a.m.

I so hate this frigid weather - anxiously waiting for spring to get here.

Condolences are going out to the families of Gloria Sawyer, Erma LeBlond,

Dora Gardner and Beverly J. Fox. Our love, thoughts and prayers to each family member.

Birthday wishes to the following who have January birthdays: Benny Benedetto, Reese Owen, Lillian Bennett, Dean LePage, Alice Allen, Robert Hill, Rex Richardson, Robert Withee, Tammy Estes, Willy Libby, Diane Hanscom, Sandy Landers, Carol Cox, Gaylene Rich, Jack Roberts, Jim Mason, Sr., Flossie Cairns and to any one that I might have overlooked.

Stopped by the nursing home Wednesday evening to visit with my Aunt Lorna and Aunt Marie; it was good seeing them both.

The Down East Country Music Association will be holding their annual Country Music Valentines show on Sunday, Feb. 16 at the Silver Spur. The show starts at 12 noon. There will be a 50/50 drawing, food concession and raffle table. Admission will be \$6 for non-members, \$5.00 for seniors and members. Music will be provided by the Tennessee Bound Competitors. Don't forget your dancing shoes/boots.

Off to town to get a few errands done this morning so that's all from the valley this week.

Bundle up warm and have a great week.

## Mason

By RICHARD GROVER



Last Friday turned out to be a bad day for me. It began when I went to our big chest freezer in the basement after breakfast to get a replacement jar of Mona's good homemade freezer jam. There, I discovered that everything in the freezer was beginning to thaw out. The ice buildup on the inside was melting and sliding down the sides of the freezer. Mona and I took everything out of the freezer and put some stuff outside the north entry to the house as it was about zero degrees, so nothing would thaw out there. Then we decided to throw away a lot of old food that was dated as far back as 2002, lots of frozen strawberries and peas! The remainder we put either in the small freezer out on the north entryway. Among other things,

I found a bag of frozen beef bones intended as treats for Shiloh. I took a big bone knuckle outside and gave it to him. Thinking back, it was a pretty good thing to get rid of that old food and the bone. But that wasn't the end of the bad luck.

It turned out that it wouldn't be a good night either. About 1:30 a.m., Shiloh began pacing in our bedroom. Then he started whining and pawing at my arm in bed. I finally got up, and Shiloh rushed downstairs and went to the door. I let him out, only to see him head into the woods behind the garage at a full gallop. I then put wood into the furnace and called to Shiloh from the front door. No Shiloh, so I went back to bed knowing he would bark to be let in after a while. Sure enough, about the time I got to sleep, Shiloh barked to be let in! This scenario repeated itself three more times by 5:30 a.m. I couldn't figure out what was bugging Shiloh until around 6:15 a.m., when Mona was in the kitchen, and Shiloh and I came downstairs. Shiloh threw up beside the refrigerator, leaving a yellow mess and a large hunk of beef bone! Before I could hustle him out the kitchen door, Shiloh left another yellow mess just inside the door!

Now we knew what was bugging Shiloh! Beef bones!

Then, as I was cutting some smaller trees and brush away from where I intended to fell the pine tree, a pin came loose, and a piece of the chainsaw handle flew into the brush, unnoticed by me until I couldn't run the saw any more. I decided right then and there, to call it a day, take my tools and go home. I still had time

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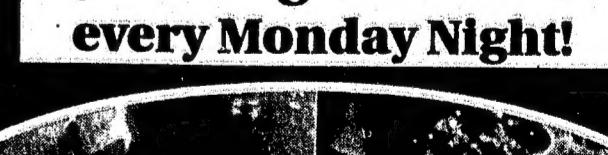
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## Outdoor Weekend snowshoe walk

The Mahoosuc Land Trust and Western Mountains Senior College invite all in the area to a guided snowshoe walk on Saturday, Feb. 15 from 10 a.m. to noon. The hike will be held at Flint Farm in Albany. Difficulty will be based on the energy and ability of those attending.

The hike will be led by Dr. Rick Churchill. Rick Churchill is a horticulture consultant and founder and chair of Southern Maine Community College's horticulture program. He has served as associate editor for "People, Places & Plants" and is adjunct professor with The Landscape Institute. His many years of college teaching, outdoor adventure travel and consulting allow him to bring a broad range of experiences to his audiences. Join him as he shares his keen observations of the winter landscape and his ever-present

sense of humor.

Flint Farm is the most recent property placed under a conservation easement. The easement on 156 acres of undeveloped woodland off the Picnic Hill Road in Albany Township is the gift of Bob O'Brien and Michaela Casey of Albany. The purpose of the easement is to protect wildlife habitat, the shoreline of Flint Pond and the headwaters of Flint Brook.

Participants in the hike will join hundreds of Mainers participating in the Great Maine Outdoor Weekend, enjoying a wide variety of winter activities statewide. Between Feb. 14 and 16, community groups, land trusts and businesses around Maine are hosting more than 50 events, most of them free and at an introductory level. For more information about Great Maine Outdoor Weekend events, visit [www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org](http://www.greatmaineoutdoorweekend.org).

The Mahoosuc Land Trust is an accredited community land trust encouraging public interest in conservation in central Oxford County, Maine, and eastern Coos County, N.H., supporting a balance of growth and conservation and emphasizing sustainable and traditional land uses. For more information, visit [www.mahoosuc.org](http://www.mahoosuc.org) or call 207-824-3806.

The mission of the Western Mountains Senior College is to support lifelong learners in their quest for new knowledge and experience. Visit their blog at <http://wmscollege.blogspot.com/>.

Delighted to collaborate in sponsoring this event, both organizations are eager to see lots of folks at the Feb. 15 walk. For more information or for last minute cancellation, contact Mahoosuc Land Trust at 824-3806.

## Telemark Festival at Mt. Abram Saturday

Returning for another year, Mt. Abram will be hosting the Maine Telemark and White Grass Festival this Saturday, Feb. 1.

The Telemark Festival is a gathering of free-heeled skiers and will include clinics, demos, a race and giveaways. For more in-

formation, visit [http://www.neteletelemark.com/maine\\_telete\\_fest.htm](http://www.neteletelemark.com/maine_telete_fest.htm)

Additionally, Blue Grass music will be played in the Loose Boots Lounge. The headliner, Moonshine Ramblers, includes the talented violinist and fiddler Bronwyn Keith-Hynes, a graduate of the Berklee

College of Music. The line up: Cumberland Crossing-11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Tricky Britches-2 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Jerks of Grass-5 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.; Moonshine Ramblers-8 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. There will also be acoustic Blue Grass at the Westside Lodge during lunch time.

The meeting was preceded by a meeting of legislative and county candidates. Attending were House can-

didates Callie Pecunies of Albany, Dennise Whitley of Norway, Bob Kirchherr of Paris, Macky Gill of Dixfield, Register of Deeds Pat Shearman of Norway, Sheriff Wayne Gallant of Rumford and Treasurer Roy Gedat of Norway. Cathy Newell reported for the Michaud for Governor and Shenna Bellows for US Senate campaigns, and for Sen. John Patrick of Rumford, Rep. Matt Peterson of Rumford, Rep. Terry Hayes of Dixfield and Rep. Helen Rankin of Hiram. Social time and light refreshments, as well as signing nominating petitions, followed.

Following a brief business meeting, a Caucus Training was conducted by Jon Hillier of the Maine Democratic Party. All caucuses will be held on Sunday, March

2 with regional gatherings in Rumford and Bethel, and individual meetings in most other towns. A complete schedule will be published in February. Anyone willing to help with their town caucus may contact Cathy Newell at [info@mainedems.org](mailto:info@mainedems.org).

Plans were announced for upcoming events including signature gathering for candidates in February, attendance at the Oxford Hills Chamber Dinner on March 7, a field trip to the Statehouse in early April, and house parties for the CD2 candidates during the spring.

For more information on Oxford County Democrats, visit <https://www.facebook.com/OxfordCountyDems> or contact Cathy Newell at 875-2116 or [info@mainedems.org](mailto:info@mainedems.org)

## Oxford County Democrats meet

The Oxford County Democrats held their January meeting on Jan. 20, at the Crescent Park School in Bethel, with attendance by Congressional candidates Senator Emily Cain of Orono, Senate Majority Leader Troy Jackson of Allagash, and Alden Smith of Sangererville.

Assistant District Attorney Andrew Robinson of Farmington, who is running for District Attorney was also present. Elected officials present were Rep. Sheryl Briggs of Mexico, Sheriff Wayne Gallant, County Treasurer Roy Gedat of Norway, and Register of Deeds Pat Shearman of Norway. All offered campaign updates and brief remarks.

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## Sports



**LOCAL SKIERS QUALIFY FOR NEW ENGLAND J2 CHAMPIONSHIPS**-The Maine team for the New England J2 Championships, to be held in Middlebury, Vt. March 7-9, was selected following the Sassi Memorial Classic Race at Black Mountain in Rumford Saturday. Telstar's Carla Boyle-Wight (second from right in right photo) was named to the team based on her finish. Local boys qualifying for the Maine team in the J2 division were Gould's Caleb Clarke (second), Andrew Siegel (third), and Marcus Wentworth (sixth far right in left photo). Gould's Marcello DeLuca was third in the overall results for boys, as the Gould boys clinched the overall team title.

Submitted photos

### High School Boys' Varsity Basketball

Carrabec 58, Telstar 42; Jan. 20 - Austin Ryerson had 20 points to lead the team in scoring. - Coach Mark Thurlow

Telstar 38, Mt. Valley 30; Jan. 23 - Maverik Griffin led with 11 points. The boys have a home game with Diringo, Friday, Jan. 31, and their last home game is Monday, Feb. 3 vs. Carrabec. - Coach Mark Thurlow

### High School Boys' J.V. Basketball

Telstar 47, Monmouth 43; Jan. 8 - The high school boys' J.V. basketball team won a thriller in Monmouth. Brandon Dougherty drilled a three pointer with less than 30 seconds remaining to tie the game and send it into overtime. The Rebels dominated the overtime period making 5 for 8 from the free throw line to seal the game. Jeremiah Richardson led all scorers with 14 points, Avry Griffin and Tanner Wheeler added 12 apiece to round out a balanced scoring attack. - Coach Ryan Kimball

Jan. 10 - The J.V. boys came up just short to Mt. Abram in Bethel. The Rebels mounted a furious comeback after falling behind by 15 at half time. After tying the game at 49 the boys gave up a tough game-winning layup with less than twenty seconds left in the game. The Rebels played great second half defense holding the Road-Runners to only 17 second half points. Zach Stone hit three key free throws down the stretch to bring the game within reach, while Brandon Dougherty and Tanner Wheeler led the team in scoring with 15 and 14 points. - Coach Ryan Kimball

Spruce Mountain 54, Telstar 37; Jan. 13 - The J.V. boys ran into a tough Spruce Mountain team in Jay. The Rebels fought hard throughout the contest playing tough defense, but simply couldn't get enough shots to

fall to keep up with Spruce. Scoring was very balanced for the boys; Avry Griffin had 8 points, while Zach Stone and Brandon Dougherty had 7 apiece. Noah Rose scored four and did a good job boxing out on the defensive end. - Coach Ryan Kimball

Wiscasset 52, Telstar 42; Jan. 17 - A shorthanded Rebels team turned in a gutsy performance at Telstar. Limited to only six players the boys fought hard against a tough Wiscasset team but came up short. Down throughout the game, the boys could have given up, but they never did. They chipped the lead down to less than ten in the fourth quarter, but simply ran out of gas. Avry Griffin played some very stingy defense and led the Rebels in scoring with 11 points. Josh Crosby played a great game scoring 8 points, and Jeremiah Richardson scored 9. A big thank you to Zac Wheeler for coming off the bench! - Coach Ryan Kimball

### High School Nordic Skiing

**Sassi Memorial Classic Race, Black Mountain; Jan. 25** - It was a great day at Black Mountain with excellent conditions and a great course for over 400 skiers to compete on. This race serves as the qualifying race for the J2 team that will head to Vermont to represent the state of Maine at the J2 Festival. Telstar's Carla Boyle-Wight made the Girls' J2 team coming in 10th place in the qualifying race. Overall results follow: 37th Carla Boyle-Wight 18:48, 80th Kaitlyn Brown 20:42 (30th for J2s), 126th Liam Gallagher 18:57, 159th Greg Wheeler 19:28. - Coach Sarah Southam

### Middle School Nordic Skiing

**Junior Sassi Event, Black Mountain; Jan. 25** - Gould Academy's Ben Alford won the boys' race. The Telstar boys finished second out of 12 schools in the team scores behind Farmington, with Sam Weaver in fifth,

Duncan Forbes in seventh, Dylan Richmond in 22nd and Gaelan Boyle-Wight in 25th. The Telstar girls were third out of 13 teams with Livy Clarke in 11th, Aliah Connolly in 13th, Lilo Bean in 14th, Mia Shifrin in 16th, and Isabel Chase in 26th.

### Mountain Valley Rec Basketball

**Jan. 26** - Laid Back Installers have had the best first six games, posting a 6-0 record with a sound 94-68 whipping of Bethel (1-4). Tommy Guns (3-2) drew the weekly bye, while Ranor, Inc. is now 5-0 and also pounded their opponent, Jay (104-68). Archie's (3-2) found the win column again, mopping up Neptune Contracting (0-5), 104-52.

Laid Back Installers and Bethel started out in a fairly close and physical game, but tough defense kept Bethel from developing any type of momentum. Balanced scoring from Jon Benjamin (26 points, 4 threes), Owen Jones (19 points), Eric Canwell (18 points), Chris Baxter (14 points) and Brian Canwell (10 points) allowed LBI to pull away in the second half. Bethel was led by Dom Haines with 17 points, Wade Osgood with 13 and Kevin Bean with 12.

A limited Ranor squad didn't allow Jay to maintain a spirited first half and got huge games from seasoned veterans Scot New (35 points, 7 threes) and Shawn Spadea with 34 points and complete dominance of the inside. JT Taylor helped with 14 points and Kevin Gallant contributed 12 (4 threes). Jay was led by Natt Schmitt with 20 points, as Nick Bourassa assisted with 18 and Zane Almandi 11.

Archie's never even blinked as 5 players cracked the double digit scoring column. Cody St. Germain had a game high 38 points, followed by Mike Holmquist with 19, Dylan Mawhinney 13, Jarrod Chessie 11 and Brett Archibald 10. Neptune did have balanced scoring with their 5. Mike Leclerc had 16 points (4 threes), TJ Swan 12, Tom Leclerc 11 and Alan Jamison 10.

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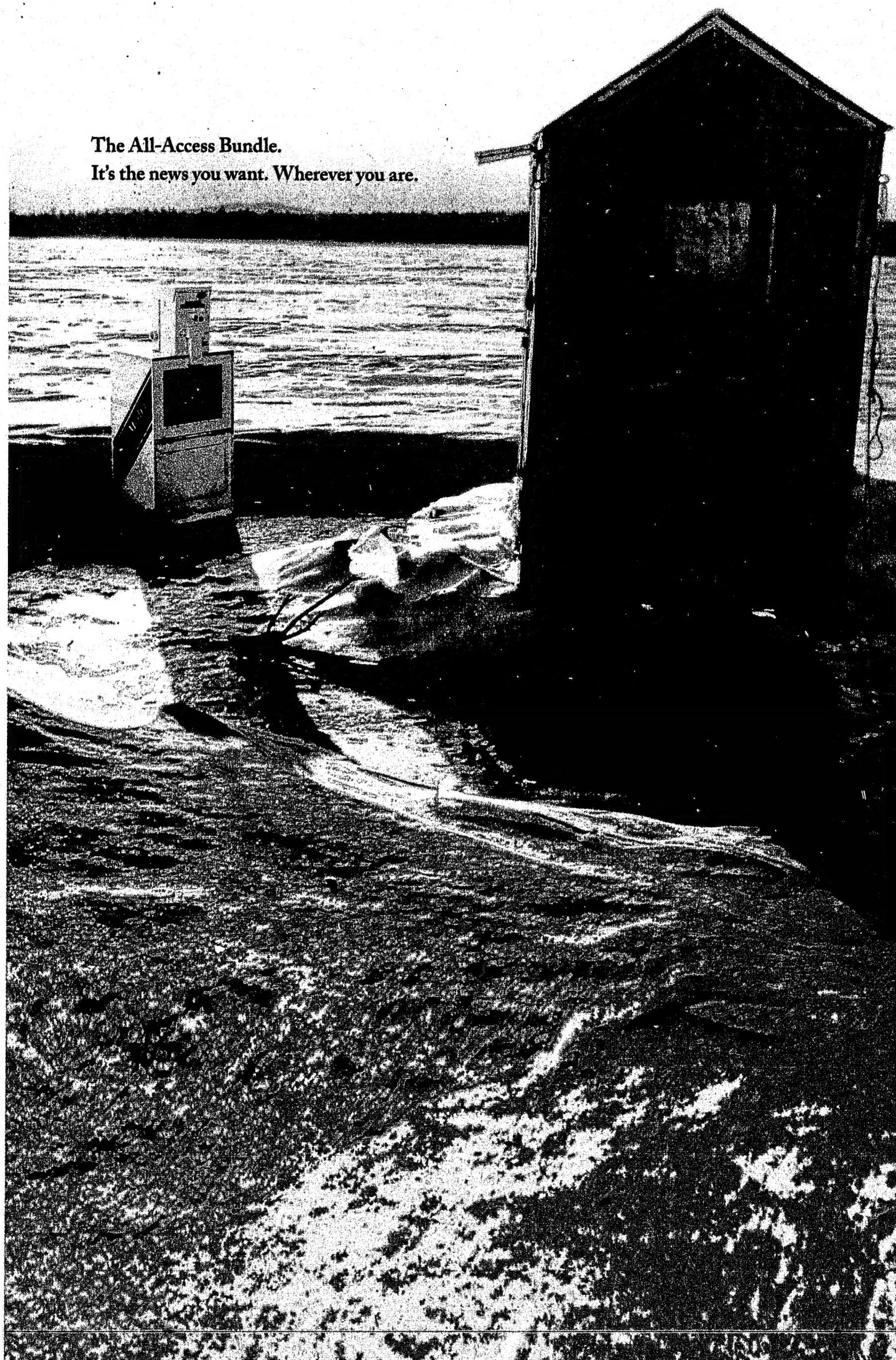
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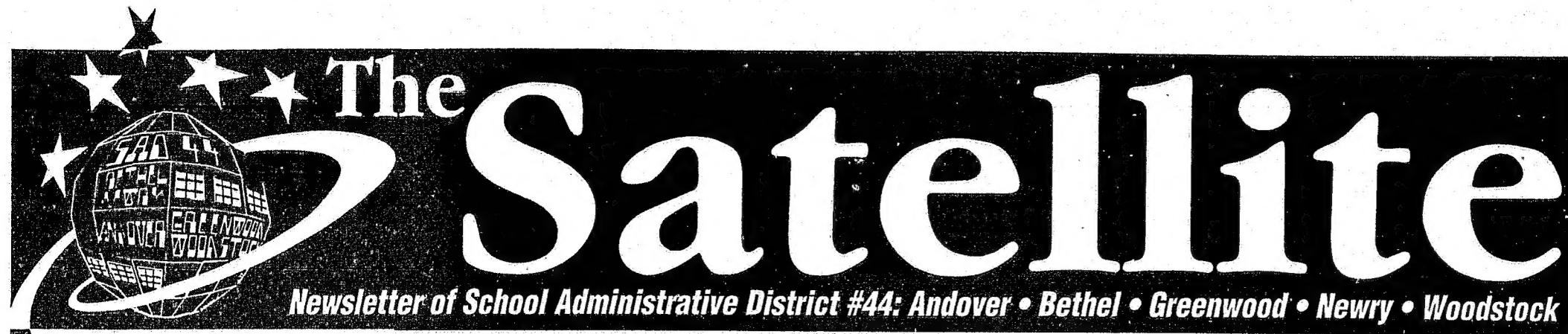
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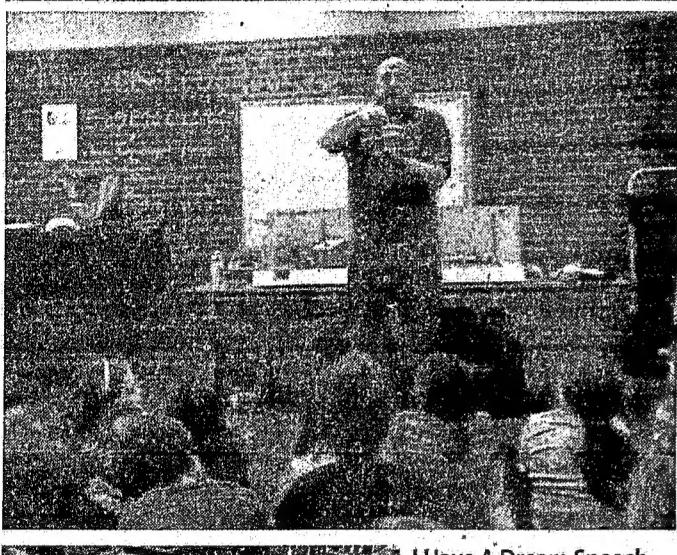


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## CRESCENT PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



The CPS fourth grade recently went on a field trip to the State House. They are picture here having a lesson on Maine facts in the state Senate.



Crescent Park fourth graders learn from Mr. Kheral about electrical safety. Central Maine Power visits fourth graders at Crescent Park School every year to speak to students about electricity and how to make the right choices when around it. Mr. Kheral brings "Safety City", which is a large diagram of a town. He uses this city to teach the students about power and energy.



### I Have A Dream Speech By Addie Charette And Bella DeVivo

I have a dream that one day in schools there will be no bullies, that everyone will be treated nicely, and with respect. Everyone is built the same, so they should not be treated differently. People should be treated by their personality and not their looks.

Everyone is different in their own outstanding way, and that is a good thing. All though we are all different we should all be treated the same way, and not have bullies at schools. Do you know how the word Dirigo means (I lead)? Well lets change that to (we lead), we can all lead.

We still have a dream that everyone should be free from bullies. People have a heart and people have feelings. If you say something mean it's like breaking their heart. From every mountain top let kindness rain down. We have a dream that kids in our nation should not be bullied. Lets have a bully free school. Children were not born to be bullied, so don't bully kids. Kids should have fun instead of being made fun of.

We have the dream that when kids make a mistake that they won't be made fun of. So, light up a path to no bullying. If you see someone that has just been bullied cheer them up with a smile that will light up their world. Focus on their inside and not their outside.

If you have been bullied out there here's a little advice, next time somebody is bullying you stand up for yourself. Also become someone you can be proud of, don't be a bully.

## TELSTAR NEWS



The TMS Super Stars for the month of December were: 6th grader, Cameron Simard; 7th grader, Emily Hanscom; and 8th grader Aliah Connolly. These girls were chosen for their consistent positive leadership in many aspects of school. They are active in after school activities, sports, dance, and community service. All three girls exemplify the traits of life long learners; they enjoy learning for the sake of new knowledge and skill.



### Telstar Instrumentalists selected for music festival

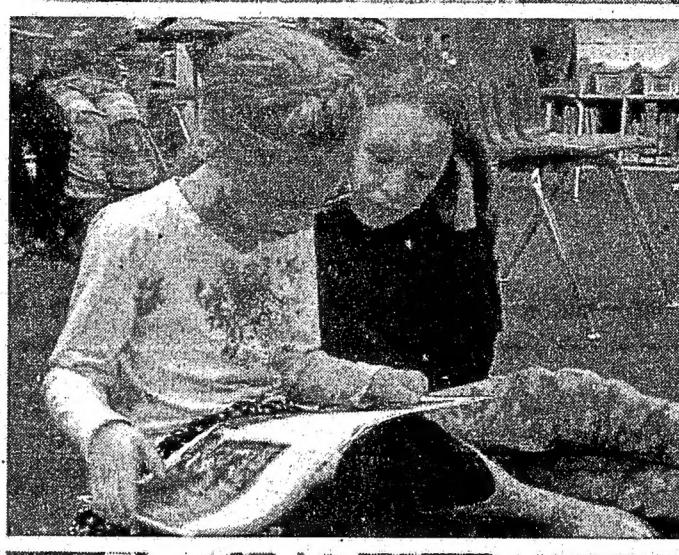
The Telstar Music Department is very proud to announce two musicians selected to play in the All New England Honors Band Festival at Plymouth State University. Anneliese Smith playing trumpet & Christian Brown playing the trombone. Their concert concluded a daylong event involving band members representing 58 schools from all across New England. Telstar was one of 9 schools representing the State of Maine. Their guest conductors for the festival were Thomas Root from Weber State

University in Ogden, Utah and Samuel Hazo a conductor & composer whose music was played at the 2012 Summer Olympic Games in London.

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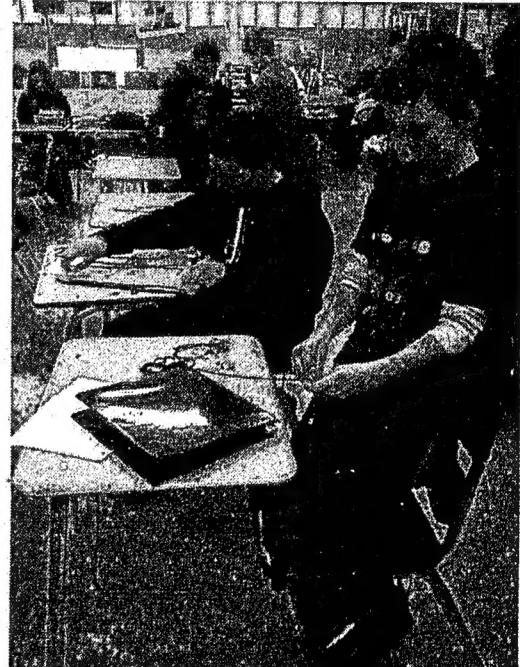
Sky Mills, Bella Brown, Olivia Malley and Kyeria Morse from Mrs Merrill's First Grade are working on their understanding of Place Value while playing a math center game called Trade Up.



This year second graders in Mrs. Wight's class have paired up as Learning Buddies with Ms. Charette's fourth graders. Big buddy Maya Taylor listens as little buddy Gracie Wakefield reads her an Arthur book.



Students were paired up to write biographies of Martin Luther King Jr. They are shown working on stories about Marin's young life. Pictured are Madeline Hallett, and Ellen Files



Students in Miss Davis's Social Studies class are learning about the Incas from South America. They worked on making their own quipu, a system the Incas used to record information. The 6th graders used the quipu to record their date of birth.

## ANDOVER ELEMENTARY



Ms. Thurston's 4/5 class is celebrating their halfway mark towards Good School Citizenship with a pizza treat on January 17th.



AES Grades 2/3 made Organic Shapes with warm/cool color scheme.

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## Five photographers at West Paris Library

Five local photography enthusiasts are showing their work at the West Paris Library this winter. Deb Herrick, Ann Holt, Susan Lyons, Michael Payer and Dan Trowbridge are pleased to have this opportunity to share their love of photography.

Susan Lyons has contributed some evocative black & white portraits; a child, "Lori," and a young lady, "Frances," both caught at a teasing introspective moment, and "Stephen Stills playing the guitar," (way back when). "Backshore Clouds" is a romantic island landscape, and "Sunset Glow," offers a beautifully layered vision of tree leaves, framing a summer cottage, with Casco Bay beyond. Closer to home she gives us a moody winter "Sunset in North Paris."

Deb Herrick takes us "Sailing in Rockland Harbor," and also treats us to the quiet of a boathouse on Lake Christopher. She has many intriguing plant portraits, among them, "Raindrops on Tomatoes" and "Tree Fungus" have a comic liveliness. She has recorded two emotional local landscapes, "Early Morning Fog, Maine Street Bridge", also, "The Fire at the West Paris Ball Field" which is both poetic and tragic.

Dan Trowbridge is a poet and photographer. Many of his images are lush impressions of McLaughlin gardens, which aptly illustrate two displayed poems, "The



Dan Trowbridge, Susan Lyons, Deb Herrick.

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Garden" and "The Gardener." The titles of his pieces are mini-poems: a head-on breathtaking image of a bumblebee about to land on a flower, is "The Pollinator," and a maroon dragonfly, playing hide-and-seek with us as it rests on improbable pink-blotted leaves, is "Invisible Dragon."

Ann Holt has recorded life close to home, as simple as a deer lunching at the apple tree, "Gotch-Ya," or as elegant as "Winter Lace," the apple tree caught in a blizzard, its white branches etched

against a navy moonlit sky. "Homeward Bound" gives us a school bus at a snowy crossroads, highlighted in gold by the setting sun. A portrait of her father, Leonas Holt, bringing the cow down the pasture, makes a daily event memorable.

Mike Payer offers some enchanting close-ups of nature: "Dahlia, in my West Paris garden" is all unfolding rosy petals. "Bee on Cosmos" brings you eye to eye with a honey bee, its face and "hands" yellow with pollen. Mike traveled to Grafton Notch for a portrait of a moose, "Protective Mother," and to Baxter State Park for a painterly image of an alert doe in a dreamy fall landscape. Peace is tangible in three waterscapes, among them the amethyst glow of "Mayfield Pond at Dawn."

The West Paris Library, located on Main St., is open Mon. & Fri., 1:30-6; Wed., 1:30-7; Sat., 1:30-2. FMI: 674-2004.

## Bethel Art Fair applications invited

The Mahoosuc Arts Council is accepting applications from fine artists and artisans for the 25th Annual Bethel Art Fair, Saturday and Sunday July 5 & 6, 2014 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cash ribbons will be awarded by judges in fine art, artisan craft and photography. A new two-day format is offering exhibitors more opportunities than ever before for this event!

This 25th Annual will feature a limited 55 exhibitors on Saturday and 35 on Sunday. Exhibitors may show on one or both days.

A variety of artists and fine crafters are being sought whose artwork represents oil, watercolor, pastel, encaustic, pen & ink, charcoal, colored pencil, tempera, acrylic, glassblowing, wood carvings, jewelry and more. There will be judged artist award cash ribbons in wall-hung, artisan and photography categories as well as limited purchase awards. Honorable mention ribbons will also be awarded. Booth spaces are limited in the idyllic setting on the historic Bethel Common.

All work is required to be of original design and creation of the exhibitor. Photos must be submitted with applications of artists who have not previously exhibited in the Bethel Art Fair. Applications must be received by June 15 for inclusion in the Bethel Art Fair program.

Fees are: Saturday only - \$85 for single exhibitors, \$140 for two exhibitors and \$175 for groups of 3 or more; Sunday only - \$60 for single exhibitors, \$110 for two exhibitors and \$150 for groups of 3 or more; BOTH DAYS - \$120 for single exhibitors, \$200 for two exhibitors and \$300 for groups of 3 or more. Tables are available for rent \$20 apiece.

Application is also open to food vendors. Food booths are 12x12 feet and cost \$100, including electricity. Duplication of items is avoided. Food vendors must supply proof of insurance and are responsible for cleaning up trash on the grounds immediately surrounding the booth.

FMI: Contact the Council Director Aranka Matolcsy at 207-890-6386 or email info@mahoosucarts.org. Artist/Artisan and Food vendor Application and guidelines are also available on our website: www.mahoosucarts.org.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

**District Exchange**; Bethel Park, 23 Mason Street, Bethel. Hours: Monday 1 to 4 p.m., Thursday 4 to 6 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon. Donations of gently-used clothing only accepted during open hours - No exceptions. FMI: 824-4090. Clothing may also be left at Northeast Bank, Main Street, Bethel Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thursday and Friday 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and Saturday 9 a.m. to 12 noon.

**Bethel Area Food Pantry**; Open the second Monday of each month, 12 to 8 p.m. Located in the basement of the Nazarene Church at the corner of Park and Church Streets in Bethel. Serving the towns of Bethel, Greenwood, Upton, Albany, Gilford, West Bethel, Mason and Milton Townships and Hanover. No appointment necessary. Questions: 824-0369.

**Jan. 31 and Feb. 1**

**Colebrook Winter Carnival**; Events begin Friday, Jan. 31 with a 7 p.m. concert by the Fireside Fiddlers at the Tillotson Center. Saturday events include raffles, pancake breakfast, Cardboard Box Derby, cribbage tournament, ice skating, sledding and more. FMI: www.colebrook-kiwanis.org.

**Friday, Jan. 31**

**Community Potluck Supper/Program**; 6 p.m., West Parish Congregational Church, Bethel. Bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to share for the potluck supper. Bring your favorite children's book for the program - adults and children will take turns sharing excerpts and pictures. FMI: Jim Chandler (357-3523) or Deb Lewis (836-2901).

**"Born into Brothels" Film Screening**; 7:30 p.m., Bingham Auditorium, Gould Academy. Screening of the award-winning film "Born into Brothels: Calcutta's Red Light Kids," followed by a Q&A session with Director Ross Kauffman.

**Saturday, Feb. 1**

**State Line Snowmobile Club Meeting**; 9 a.m., Upton House.

**Maine Adaptive/Windy Valleys Snowmobile Club Veterans Ride**; 9:30 a.m., Bear River Grange Hall. FMI, or to volunteer with your two-up snowmobile, call Brad Wight at 740-6940.

**Maine Telemark Festival**; Mt. Abram. Clinics, lessons, giveaways, and live music all day.

**Mormon Church Tours/Family History Research**; 4:30 to 5:30 p.m., 315 Skeetfield Road, Oxford. For questions and contact info, call (207) 332-1429.

**Sunday, Feb. 2**

**Four Chaplains Day**; 9 a.m., Locke's Mills Union Church. The Locke Mills Union Church will host the Jackson Silver Post #68, American Legion on Sunday, Feb. 2, to commemorate "Four Chaplains Day." Everyone is welcome.

**Alan Day Community Garden Meeting/Bulk Seed Order**; 1 to 3 p.m., Fare Share Commons, Main Street, Norway. Refreshments will be served.

**Tim Sample**; 2 p.m., St. Kieran Arts Center, Berlin, N.H. Tickets: \$12/adults, \$6/minors. FMI: (603) 752-1028 or www.stkieranarts.org.

**Ski for Mason's Mission**; Mt. Abram. Proceeds of lift ticket sales will go to Mason, a toddler with severe health challenges who required treatments not covered by insurance. FMI: Visit <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Masons-Mission/343438545762098>.

**Monday, Feb. 3**

**Essentials of College Planning for adults 19 and over**; 10 a.m., Western Maine University and Community College Center, South Paris. FMI/Registration: 1-800-281-3703 or <http://meoc.maine.edu>. Free and open to the public.

**Socrates Café Meeting**; 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Waterford Library. Topic: "Are women more liberated today than they were 50 years ago?" Moderator: Sally Chappell. Light refreshments and coffee served. FMI: 583-6957.

**Tuesday, Feb. 4**

**Small Business Seminar**; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: Business planning. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

**Wednesday, Feb. 5**

**Snow Valley Sno-Goers Meeting**; 7 p.m. at the club house, off Route 5, Andover.

**Thursday, Feb. 6**

**"Fat Facts About Your Blood Chemistry - and What You Can Do About It"**; 4:30 to 6 p.m., W.P. Congregational Church, 32 Church Street, Bethel. Program on understanding cholesterol will be presented by Dr. Daniel E. van Buren, Director of Cardiovascular Medi-

cine of the N.E. Heart Institute at Androscoggin Valley Hospital, Berlin, N.H. Sponsored by To Your Health of Western Mountains Senior College. Free admission. Public invited. Light refreshments. FMI, contact R.Tiff at 824-2053. (Snow Date Feb. 13).

**Winthrop Grange 315 Annual Meeting**; 7 p.m., Shelburne, N.H. Meeting has changed. FMI: Mary (603-466-7530).

**Friday, Feb. 7**

**Main Street Gallery First Friday Reception**; 5 to 7 p.m., 426 Main Street, Norway. Featuring the paintings of Western Maine Art Group's artist of the month, Cynthia R. Burmeister. Visitors will receive 10 percent discounts on selected works. FMI: [www.westernmaineartgroup.org](http://www.westernmaineartgroup.org).

**Fawn & Noel's Music for Hope**; 6 to 8 p.m., Hope Association, 85 Lincoln Avenue, Rumford. Open to the public. Refreshments will be available. Donations welcome.

**Emarantos Quartet**; 7:30 p.m., Leura Hill Eastman Performing Arts Center, 18 Bradley Street, Fryeburg. From classical to contemporary, baroque to tango, this chamber group's out of the box approach is sure to leave you inspired and wanting more. You do not have to be a lover of classical music to enjoy this performance. Tickets: [fryeburgacademy.org/tickets](http://fryeburgacademy.org/tickets), (207) 935-9232 or at the door one hour before the performance. \$18/adults, \$15/seniors, \$5/students.

**Chamber Music Concert**; 7:30 to 9 p.m., Hebron Academy's LePage Center for the Arts, 339 Paris Road/Route 119, Hebron. Free and open to the public. FMI: Liza Tarr (966-5266 or [ltarr@hebronacademy.org](mailto:ltarr@hebronacademy.org)) or [www.hebronacademy.org](http://www.hebronacademy.org).

**Saturday, Feb. 8**

**OHCHS Project Graduation Annual Chinese Auction**; Oxford Hills Comprehensive High School. Doors open at 11 a.m., auction begins at 1 p.m. Several hundred items and gift certificates to be won as well as \$1 raffle items and a 50/50 raffle. FMI/donations: Nancy (674-3060).

**4th Annual Seed Saving Conference**; 12 to 6 p.m., University of Maine, Farmington, Robert's Learning Center. The 2014 conference will focus on growing plants to save seed. Classes will include soil nutrition, isolation, insect control, seed-borne diseases, basic seed saving and advanced seed saving. Speakers to include Jim Gerritsen, Roberta Bailey, Amy LeBlanc, Bruce Hoskins and Will Bonsall. This event is sponsored by Farmington Seed Savers Group. A \$5 donation is suggested to help with funding. (Snow date, Feb. 15). FMI: 831-9384.

**Oxford Hills Honey Bee Club Workshop**; 1 p.m., Oxford County Extension Center, 9 Olson Road, South Paris. Open to the public. FMI: Kevin ([farrouot@roadrunner.net](mailto:farrouot@roadrunner.net)).

**Snow Valley Sno-Goers Potluck**; 6 p.m. at the club house, off Route 5, Andover. All members and interested persons are invited. Please bring a dish to share.

**The Peacheaters**; 7 p.m., The Foggy Goggle. Music ranging from the Allman Brothers Band, the Black Crowes, the Grateful Dead, the Doors, Neil Young and more.

**Sunday, Feb. 9**

**39th Annual Hope Association Ride-In**; 12:30 to 2:30 p.m., Horizons Unlimited, 319 Swain Road, Rumford. Prizes will be drawn at 1:30 p.m. Raffles available for cash prizes, gift certificates and more, \$1 for one and \$5 for six. Hot buffet dinner. Donations welcome. FMI: 364-4561 or [www.hopeassociation.org](http://www.hopeassociation.org).

**Tuesday, Feb. 11**

**Small Business Seminar**; 9 to 11 a.m., White Mountains Community College, 2020 Riverside Avenue, Berlin, N.H. Topic: A resource panel for technical assistance, financing and more. Open to the public. FMI/registration: Joyce Presby (603-717-5457).

**Energy Medicine for your health: An Introduction to Polarity Therapy**; 6:30 to 8 p.m., Therapeutic Massage, 18 High Street, Bethel (behind the Key Bank). Presenter: Emily Ecker, LCSW, Polarity Therapist. Cost: \$10. Polarity Therapy, developed in the 1950s, is an energy body work modality that works on all levels of our being to restore balance and wholeness. "Energy medicine" is now being studied and utilized in Western medicine and is beginning to transform how we view and empower our health. FMI/Registration: Emily (207-357-9954).

**Wednesday, Feb. 12**

**Bethel Senior Citizens Meeting**; 11 a.m., Bethel Alliance Church (across from Telstar). Reservations must be made before Feb. 1. Price of luncheon is \$10. FMI/Reservations: Arlene Lowell (824-2877).

**Friday, Feb. 14**

**Annual Valentine's Day Tea**; 1 to 3 p.m., Bethel Unit-

**ed Methodist Church, 79 Main Street, Bethel. FMI: 364-8703.**

**Sweetheart Hike**; 4 p.m., Bald Pate parking area. A moderately strenuous sunset/moonrise hike. Snowshoes, traction devices, headlamp, proper winter clothing and boots required. Water and snacks recommended. FMI: 647-4352 or [jon@lelt.org](mailto:jon@lelt.org).

**Family Valentine's Dance**; 6 p.m., Woodstock Elementary School.

**Saturday, Feb. 15**

**Great Maine Outdoor Weekend Snowshoe Walk**; 10 a.m. to 12 noon. The Mahoosuc Land Trust and the Western Maine Senior College invite all in the area to a guided snowshoe walk at Flint Farm in Albany, led by Dr. Rick Churchill, a horticulture consultant with many years of college teaching, outdoor adventure travel and consulting. Snowshoes, poles, water, snacks and appropriate clothing recommended. Difficulty will be based on the energy and ability of those attending. Directions: Vernon Street out of Bethel; turn left on Hunt's Corner Road, just before Grange Hall and Church, turn right on Picnic Hill Road. Farm is one mile on the right at 197 Picnic Hill Road. FMI: 207-824-3806.

**Chairlift Speed Dating**; Black Mountain, Jackson, N.H. Registration: 12:30 p.m. in the main base lodge. Event: 2 to 4 p.m. followed by an après ski event in Lostbo Pub with contests, prizes and music from Jon Sarty. FMI: [www.blackmtn.com](http://www.blackmtn.com).

**Full Moon Hike**; 5 p.m., Mt. Abram. Skis and boards will be transported to the top so hikers can ski or ride back down following the hike.

**AudioBody**; 7 p.m., Grand Summit Hotel. The Tardy Brothers are back, this time as AudioBody, complete with an arsenal of audio-visual inventions. Tickets: Adults/\$8, Children 12 and under/\$5, under 5 free.

**Sunday, Feb. 16**

**Snow Valley Sno-Goers Windtower Ride**; Meet at the club house off Route 5 in Andover for 9 a.m. departure. \$10 per rider, club members \$8 (includes a meal). FMI: 392-1921.

**Down East Country Music Association Valentine's Show and Dance**; The Silver Spur, Route 121, Mechanic Falls. Doors open at 11 a.m. for a 12 p.m. show. Admission: \$6/non-members, \$5/members and seniors. Entertainment provided by the Tennessee Bound Competitors. Raffles, 50/50 drawing and food concessions. FMI: Jackie (739-8884) or Lolalee (674-3104).

**Torchlight Parade**; 6 p.m., Mt. Abram. Annual torchlight parade and all you can eat spaghetti dinner buffet.

**Wednesday, Feb. 19**

**Mahoosuc Land Trust Book Club**; 7 p.m., Land Trust office. The book for February is "Grizzly Years," by Doug Peacock. Light refreshments will be served. FMI: 824-3806.

**Feb. 21 and 22**

**"Guys and Dolls" by the Hebron Academy Players**; 7:30 p.m. (doors open at 7), Lepage

# Puzzles4Kids

by Helene Hovanec

## RIDDLE SEARCH – FEBRUARY 14

Look up, down, and diagonally, both forward and backward to find every word on the list. Circle each one as you find it. When all the words are circled, take the UNUSED letters and write them on the blanks below. Go from left to right and top to bottom to find the answer to this riddle: What should you do on February 14 if you love your car?



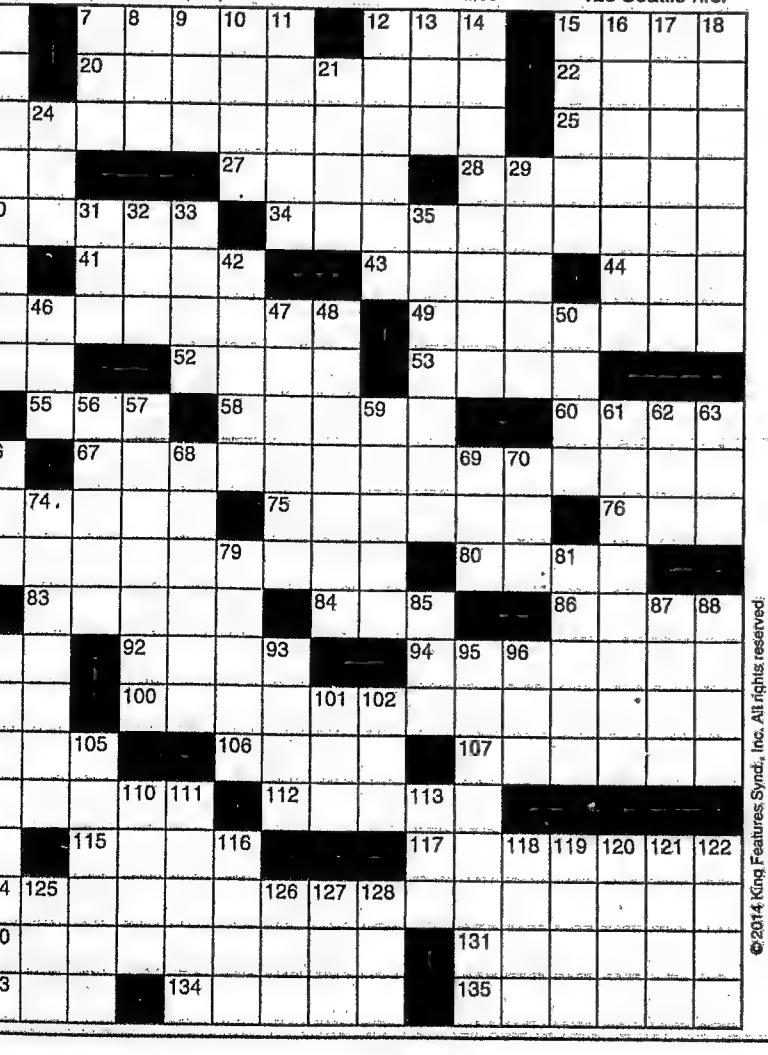
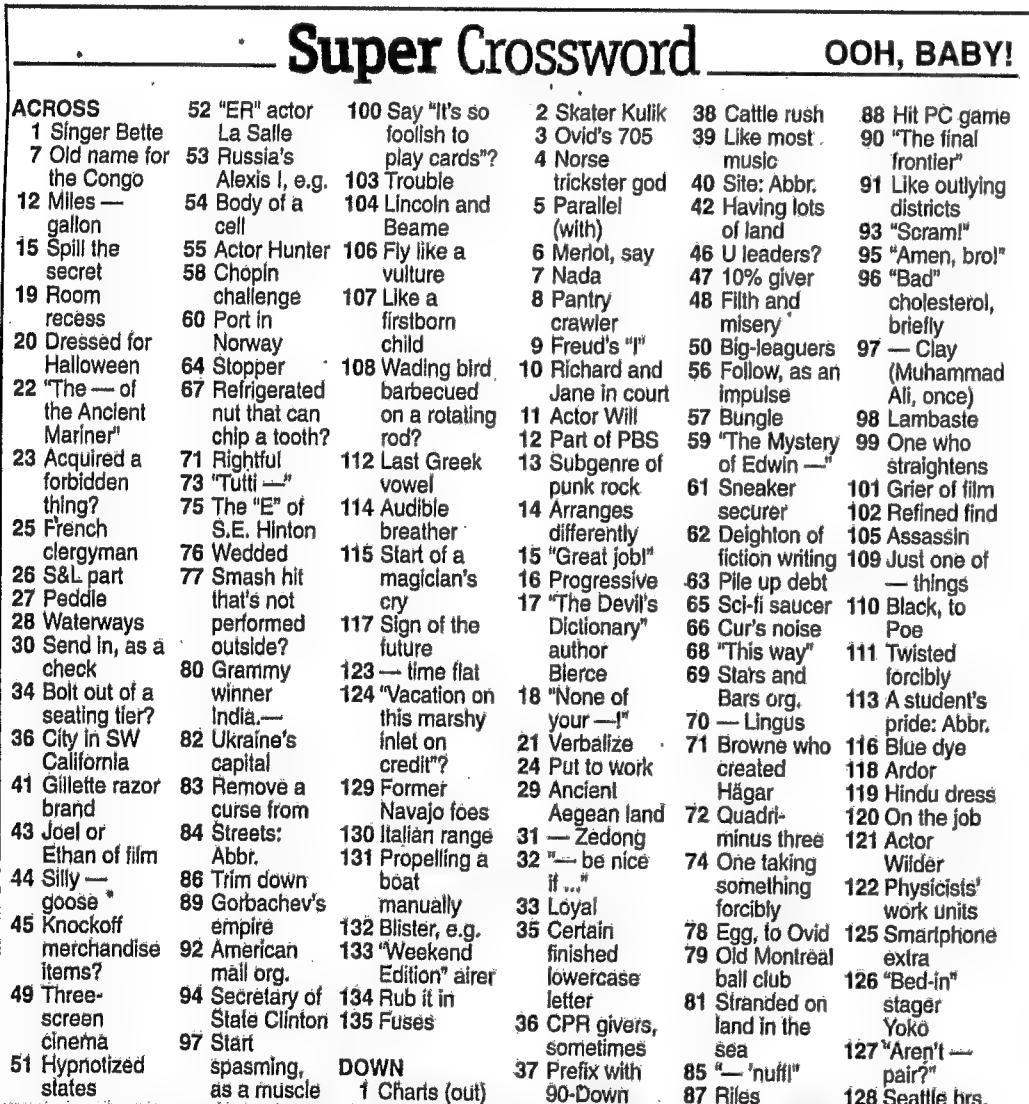
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Unscramble the letters within each rectangle to form four ordinary words. Then rearrange the boxed letters to form the mystery word, which will complete the gag:

Repeat  
**CURRE**    
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 Put Away  
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## HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF

Find at least six differences in details between panels.



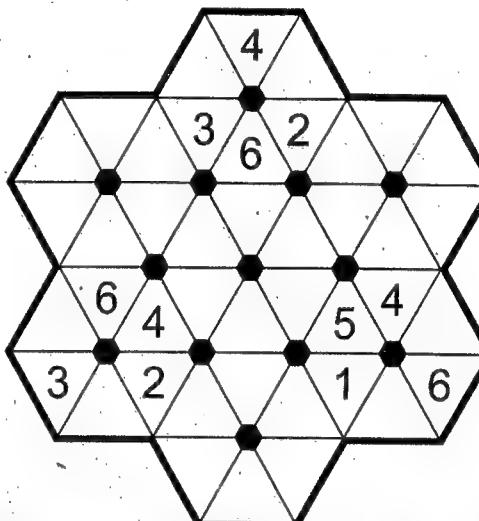
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## SNOWFLAKES

by Japheth Light

There are 13 black hexagons in the puzzle. Place the number 1-6 around each of them.

No number can be repeated in any partial hexagon shape along the border of the puzzle.

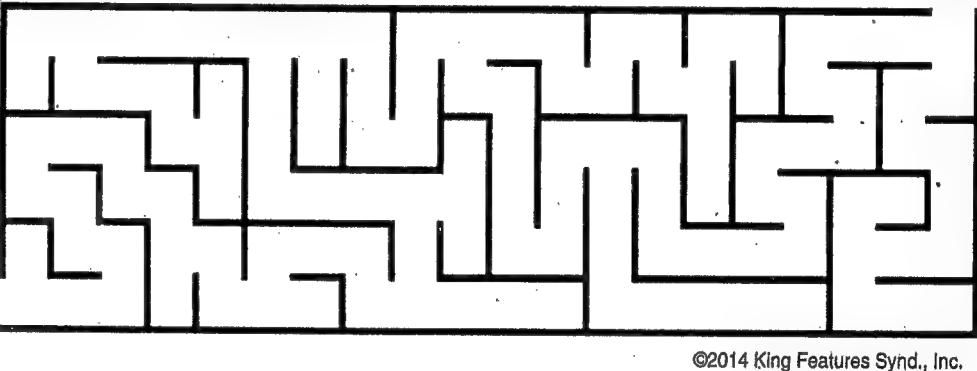


DIFFICULTY THIS WEEK: ★★★

★ Easy ★ Medium ★★ Difficult

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## Kids' Maze

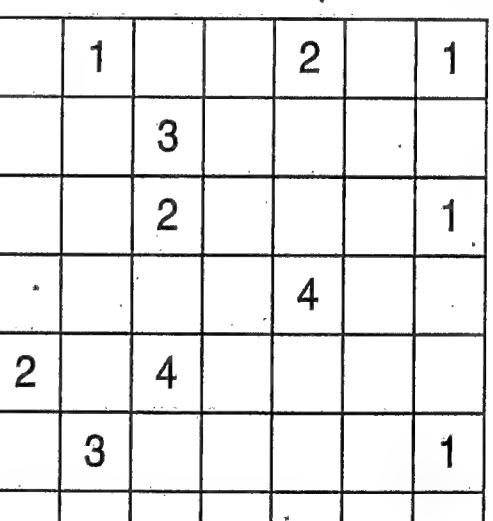


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## Star★Map

By Linda Thistle

Draw a star in exactly 10 of the empty squares in the diagram so that each numbered square accurately indicates how many immediately adjacent squares (horizontally, vertically or diagonally) contain a star.



DIFFICULTY: ★★★

★ Easy ★★ Moderate ★★★ YOWZA!

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## Veterans No Boundaries camp at Sunday River

More than 20 disabled military veterans, most of which were injured in combat in Iraq and Afghanistan, will participate in the Veterans No Boundaries program at Sunday River this weekend. The program takes place Jan. 31 through Feb. 3, and this year's event will involve alpine skiing, Nordic skiing, snowboarding, snowmobiling, snowshoeing and a number of other activities at Sunday River, the Sunday River Outdoor Center and various other locations throughout the Bethel area.

Veterans No Boundaries is a program of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recre-

ation (Maine Adaptive) that provides recreational activities to veterans and active duty personnel with physical disabilities who require adaptive instruction, equipment and/or support in order to participate in sports. The Veterans No Boundaries program is held twice a year for veterans to help them either return to a sport or try a sport for the first time after becoming disabled. The program also seeks to involve family members and caregivers. Like all Maine Adaptive programs, the weekend program is entirely free of charge for all attendees and many will be

bringing family members to participate with them this weekend. Participants will arrive in Maine from throughout the country beginning Thursday evening and will stay through Monday afternoon. Roughly seventeen of the veterans in this year's program sustained significant injuries during combat in Iraq or Afghanistan. That list includes veterans from Waldoboro, Windham, Gorham, Woolwich, Windsor and Bethel in Maine, as well as others from New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, New York, Rhode Island, Missouri, Pennsylvania, Florida and Illinois.

Veterans No Boundaries also will benefit from a strategic partnership with the Fisher House Foundation and the Hero Miles program, a service that provides free round-trip airfare to wounded, injured and ill military men and women, and/or their families, who are undergoing treatment at a military or VA medical center, to attend authorized events. Flights are made possible through frequent flyer mile donations made by individual airline passengers. Three veterans and several of their guests will be flying to Maine using Hero Miles to participate in the program.

Another exciting repeat feature of this year's program is a biathlon demonstration on Saturday at The Outdoor Center with two-time Olympic biathlete Kristina Sabasteanski, also a military veteran (US Army) herself.

Veterans No Boundaries is a specialized program of Maine Adaptive Sports & Recreation, the State's largest adaptive recreation program for children and adults with physical disabilities. Since the veterans program was founded in 2004, it has been made possible through the generosity of various donors and sponsors, as well as by the efforts of dozens of volunteer instructors, guides

and medical attendants. Veterans No Boundaries receives primary year-round financial support from Disabled Sports USA and Bath Iron Works/General Dynamics. Sunday River provides lift tickets, trail passes and discounted lodging for each winter program. Numerous other local businesses, clubs and individuals have contributed meals, lodging discounts, snowmobiling and evening entertainment for this year's program.

For more information about Veterans No Boundaries or Maine Adaptive, please visit [www.maineadaptive.org](http://www.maineadaptive.org), e-mail [info@maineadaptive.org](mailto:info@maineadaptive.org) or call 800-639-7770.

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Vern Maxfield, Town Manager

## Woodstock Residents

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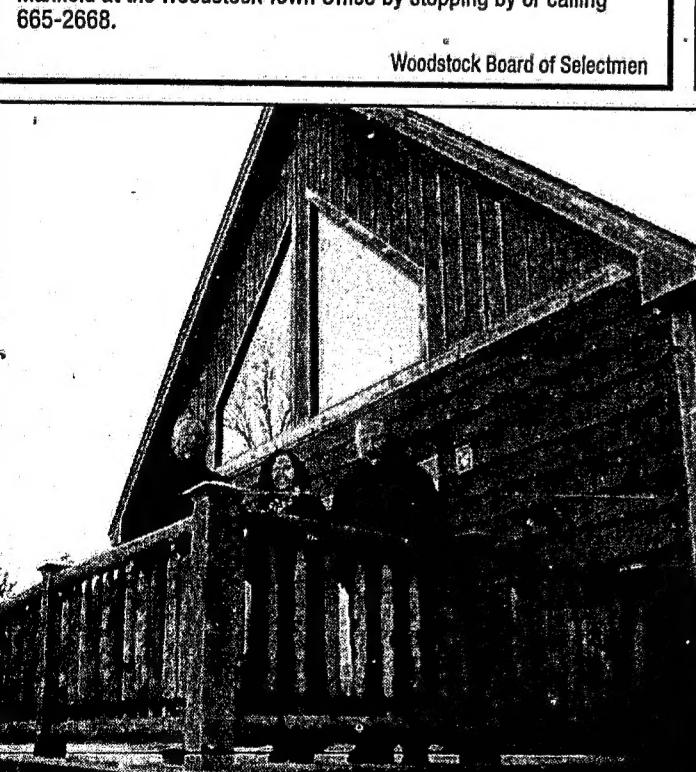
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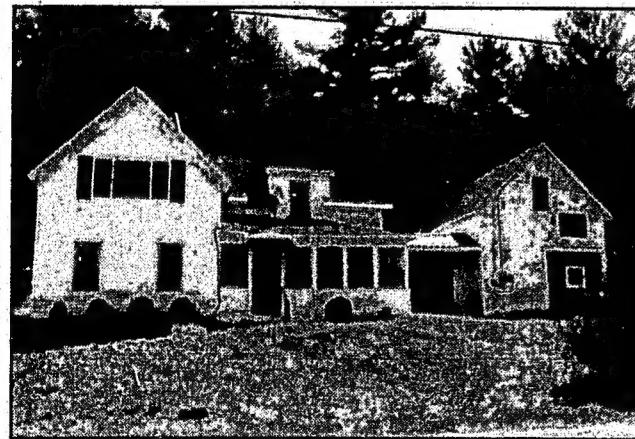
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## Prime Time Ski Club news

This past week at Sunday River Ski Area the cold was not nearly as bad as the weather reporters would have you believe. Forecasts of chill factors in the 20-below range kept a lot of people off the slopes but the Prime Time Ski Club members who ventured out (and quite a few did) found no wind, uncrowded slopes and great conditions.

Thanks to an occasional ride in the cabin of the "chondola" (Sunday River's combination 6-pack chairlift/gondola lift out of South Ridge) or hot chocolate stops at Barker or North Peak lodges, the cold was not a deterrent to having fun on the many groomed slopes that awaited those who braved the weather forecast. As a matter of fact, most Prime Timers agreed that we experienced some of the best skiing of the season this past week.

So don't let unfavorable weather reports keep you off the mountain. Just remember to cover up any exposed skin with neck-ups or face masks to prevent frostbite and use hand warmers, foot warmers or battery-operated boot heaters to keep the extremities comfortable. There are also battery-heated gloves/mittens and vests if you can afford them!

Also, lift rides seem shorter and less cold when

you're busy talking with someone. So if you don't want to ski alone, consider meeting Prime Time Ski Club members (for those 50 years and older) at the North Peak Lodge every weekday around 10 a.m. in the area just beyond the bar. Introduce yourself to anyone that's there and you'll soon find yourself meeting a lot of new friends.

After a brief time for announcements, we usually break into small groups of from four to eight skiers, based primarily on skiing ability and terrain preference.

We are in the midst of Go50 Week which has been a fun time so far. Join club members Friday morning at 10 a.m. at Peak Lodge for free mountain tours by some of our more avid skiers who log upward of 75 to 100 ski days a year. Friday night the local Blue Willow band will be playing at the Phoenix restaurant at 8 p.m. There still may be time to make a reservation for the Snowflake Factory tour at 3 p.m. today (Thursday). Call 207-824-5234.

Remember the Prime Time Ski Club motto, "No one needs to ski alone." Check out our website at [www.primestimeskiclub.com](http://www.primestimeskiclub.com) or just show up at North Peak Lodge at 10 a.m. weekdays and ski a few runs with us and see what you think.

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## Incentives offered to switch to pellets

BETHEL: A new program in Oxford County is offering rebates to help homeowners switch to wood pellet boilers for heat, which can cut fuel bills by 40 to 50 percent and keeps energy dollars circulating locally and supporting jobs in the regional economy.

Switching to wood pellets made from wood grown and processed in the Northern Forest keeps 100 percent of the money spent on this alternative fuel in the local and regional economy.

Conversely, nearly 80 cents of every dollar spent on imported heating oil leaves the local economy.

"The rebates are available on a first-come, first-served basis. Due to increasing oil and propane prices we expect demand for the program to be high and we are encouraging prospective participants to contact us as soon as possible," said Les Otter, co-founder and CEO of Bethel-based Maine Energy Systems, which manufactures wood-pellet heating systems offered through this program.

Maine Energy Systems is collaborating with the nonprofit Northern Forest Center to offer the Oxford County Affordable Heat Program as an offshoot of the Model Neighborhood Project that helped install 40 residential pellet boilers in Berlin, N.H., according to a press release from MES. Phase I of the Oxford County Affordable Heat Program calls for 25 wood pellet boiler installations with rebates of \$2,700 to Oxford County property owners who transition from oil or propane heating systems to fully-automatic wood pellet boilers. Maine residents have

the opportunity to combine the Affordable Heat Program rebate with the statewide rebate of \$5,000 made available through Efficiency Maine Trust's Home Energy Savings Program (HESP).

"In Berlin, N.H., homeowners have save more than \$90,000 since the first pellet boiler was installed at the end of 2011," said Maura Adams, program director at the Northern Forest Center. "And what they're spending on heating fuel is staying in the regional economy. The Oxford County program is one more way to build demand for wood pellets, which in turn creates a market for low-grade wood. Landowners need markets for their low-grade wood to help make forestry viable and give them an incentive to maintain their forests."

"We'll be collecting performance data on the boilers as part of the project," said Dutch Dresser, director of Maine Energy Systems. "The system is a virtually seamless replacement for traditional oil- or propane-based central heating systems.

Homeowners empty a specially designed ash container only three or four times a year through a clean quick-release system." Other benefits of using wood pellets for heating include a net reduction in carbon dioxide avoided over time, and opportunities to stabilize and increase employment in forest-based businesses.

Residents interested in participating in the program should contact Skip Bennett at Maine Energy Systems by [emailskip@maineenergysystems.com](mailto:emailskip@maineenergysystems.com) or by phone 207-824-6749.

## Obituaries

BARBARA J.  
KIRSCHNER DOW

Barbara Jean Kirschner Dow, 77, of Norway passed away on Thursday, Jan. 16 at Stephens Memorial Hospital. She was born to Lelia Margaret Russell Kirschner and Louis Albert Fred Kirschner, V, at home on Russell Street in South Paris on Aug. 3, 1936. As a young girl, Barbara worked in Pennesawsee Lodge down the shore from Shepard's Camps in Norway. Barbara graduated from Norway High School in 1954, attended Gorham State Teachers College (now USM), married Bruce Robert Dow of Norway in 1957 and graduated college in 1958.

After college in 1958 Barbara and Bruce moved to Glen Burnie, Md., for Bruce's position at the Westinghouse Defense Center located at Friendship Airport (now BWI). Later, Barbara and Bruce moved to Edgewood, Pa., so Bruce could pursue a Master's Degree at the University of Pittsburgh. They stayed in the Pittsburgh area, first in Wilkinsburg, then in Murrysville.

In between having four children, Barbara taught school for years in the Franklin Regional School District located in Murrysville, Pa. Barbara was also committed to summer swim club activities. For many years, the family belonged to the Beau Claire Swim Club. All four children swam for the Beau Claire swim team and Barbara officiated at many of the swim meets.

Graveside services will be held in the spring at the Hunt family plot at Riverside Annex Cemetery in South Paris.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests a contribution to the American Cancer Association, 1 Bowdoin Mill Island, Topsham, Maine 04086. Arrangements are under the care of Chandler Funeral Homes & Cremation Service, 45 Main Street, South Paris.

years, Barbara led a contented and happy life with her partner of many years, Nathan Hunt.

She is survived by her partner Nathan Hunt of Norway; four children, Mark Dow and Flor Bernal of Summit, N.J., Scott Dow and Ashley Lasbury of Falmouth, Kathryn and Paul Barnes of Bristol, Tenn. and James Dow and Karen McCullough Dow of West Caldwell, N.J.; 10 grandchildren, Annaliese Dow, Samantha Dow, Eleanor Dow, Joshua Dow, Margaret Dow, Kyle Barnes, Nicolas Barnes, Eric Barnes, Jason Dow and Sarah Dow; four siblings, Robert Kirschner of Augusta, Ga., Charles Clayton Kirschner and his wife Lois of Macungie, Pa., Paul Kirschner and his wife Pauline of West Sumner and Margaret Kirschner Edwards of South Paris; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. She was also survived by her first husband, Bruce Robert Dow of Ridge Manor, Fla. She was predeceased by a sister-in-law, Janice Kirschner.

The family wishes to thank Stacy Hudlin, Paulette Tabb and the staff of Androscoggin Home Care and Hospice for the care they provided to Barbara.

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He couldn't have been in a better place.

## Thank You

I would like to thank everyone (especially Anthony, my guardian angel, who came to my rescue, and others too numerous to list by name) who sent cards, took care of things around my home, prepared meals, visited, and prayed for me.

Your expression of care for me and Edleen during this time is an example of Christ's love.

John Winslow

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